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Correspondence

LETTERS SENT BY THE DIRECTOR AND THE SUPERINDENTENT OF THE MINT, 1866-1900

July 10 - Nov. 28, 1863,
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JUNE 1st 1867 to FEB: 29th 1868.

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Jan 1. 1867

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Feb 29 – 1868

		1869	
94	Allen W. & Co.	June 21	Mint does not redeem Copper Cents Enclosing Circular
149	Asst Treas N.Y.	July 6	What Amt small coin wanted until Coinage resumed
184	Alexander M. Ada H.	" 18	Requesting receipt of Wells Engr to be sent to identify deposit
200	Anthon Chas. E.	" 19	Enclosing Specimen Aluminum 5¢ piece
201	Appleton W. S.	" "	" " " " "
235	" "	" 29	" " " " "
236	Anthon Chas. E.	" "	" " " " "
240	Armstrong Edward	" 31	Will furnish him with Silver Coin
284	Appleton Nat Bank	Aug 14	Repairing Machinery delays filling order for Small Coin
306	Asst Treas U.S. N.Y.	" 22	Shipping $1.000 Small Coin on acct of order of $2500
312	~~Ashcraft Da~~		
312	Ashcraft Danl	"	Report on Specimen
408	Asst Treas Boston	Sept 21	Advising of shipment of Small Coin
413	American Legation Vienna Austria	" "	Concerning deposit of Bullion for Coinage in National Mint of Austria
455	Asst Treas New Orleans	Oct 8	$10.000 5¢ Coins shipped
462	Actg Asst Treas New York	" 10	2 Copies Director's Report 1866 mailed
499	" " " "	" Telegram " 28	Small Coin shipped to morrow
549	Allentown Nat Bank	Nov 18	Deposit of $500 Small Coin not rec.
553	do do do	" 20	Error discovered - $500 shipped
554	Asst Treasurer U.S. Boston	" "	$3000 on acct (of $4.000) shipped
558	Allen J. W. & Co Nashville Tenn	" 22	Annual Report will be forwarded
597	Ahern Eugene	Dec 4	Discharged from Mint
669	Abbott Lee W	" 28	Silver Dolls of 1866
807	Asst Treas U.S. N.Y.	Feb 5	Mint ready to fill small coin orders
808	" " " N.O.	" "	" " " " "
861	~~Applegate~~ Mary	" 21	Directors Rep. 1867. forwarded

			1867	
6	Booth J. C.		June 3	Order for registering Requisitions &c
16	Bowman W. M.		" 3	Shipping 2 Proof Sets 1862 per Express
55	Brooks N. C.		" 11	In relation to missing dies
90	Barbour Lucius		" 20	Deposit pd 3d day. Charges for Coinage &c
117	Balbach Dieffenbach & Co		" 28	Inviting Bid for Dwarfs (Bi Mt S.F.)
198	Breen Peter P		July 19	Authority to act as Weighers (U.S. Mint)
225	Brown T. J.		" 24	Loss usual for such as base deposit
241	Booth J. C.		Aug 9	What amt of Nickel will be on hand Sept 15
282	Blauvelt Jos		" 14	First Copper Cents Coined in 1793
333	Booth J. C.		" 26	Employes absent over 15 days ½ pay.
374	" "		Sept 8	Ordered that the capacities & adaptation
	" "		" "	of Aluminum for Coinage purposes be tested
385	Brace Geo		" 10	Specimen sent Combination of iron & Sulphur
398	Brenzinger Kellogg & Peters		" 16	After operations are resumed orders
"	" "		" "	for small Am will be filled within a few
"	" "		" "	days after receipt.
414	Bancroft Geo		" 21	Concerning deposit of Bullion for
	Berlin Prussia			Coinage in National Mint of Prussia
425	Blaweazuel J. C.		" 26	Charge for Analysis $5
437	Beers F. W.		" 30	Relative to some Copper blanks lost in
"	" "		" "	the Delaware River abt 20 years ago.
480	Brown Wm a "Mr"		Oct 22	Referred to Navy Dept for information desired
"	Bicker & Sons		Nov 6	Order for 2 Assay Balances for Bi Mt Charlotte
556	Booth Jas C. Melter & Refiner		do 21	English Nickel & Nickel cents to be
587	" " " "			kept separately.
587	" " " "		" 29	Concerning Parting charges
591	" " " "		" "	Report on Moses process of extracting ores
621	Bayhos J. F.		Dec 12	Mineral specimen
647	Booth J. C.		" 20	To divide purchases &c
649	" "		" "	Requisitions & overtime notice
678	" "		31	Notice of Regulations &c

692	Booth J. C. M + R	Jan	2	Quality of Wharton & Fleetman's Nickel
693	Bingham Jno		3	Delay in returning deposits for coin
708	Bayliss J.F.	"	8	Describing mineral specimens
725	Booth J. C.	"	13	Practical Jokes prohibited.
752	Boyd C. L.		20	Deposit gold dust
758	" "	"	"	" " "
779	Blair Jno W	"	29	" " "
783	Bliss Jno	"	"	Concerning purchase nickel
786	Baldwin Landau + Nelson	"	31	" small coin orders
788	Booth. J. C.	Feb	1	Overwork prohibited
794	Beckwith J.B. + R E	"	4	Small coin order
817	Bates A.		12	Conc'g deposit
845	Bonzano M.T.		19	" coinage at N. O. Br Mt
757	Becker + Sons	Jan	20	Weights for Br Mt Charlotte

		1867		
38	Curtis Josiah	June	10	Advising how to procure 5¢ Coin
74	Chapin E. H.	"	17	Difference in the issue of 5¢ Coin. Redemption of Cents
107	Colhoun Jno & Co	"	25	Order for $200 Small Coin rec'd from City Hall Bk
146	Capen Bernard	July	5	Enclosing duplicate Voucher for signature
180	Carey Chas J.	"	16	Impressions of Coin rec'd. Report thereon.
251	Commissioner of Patents	Aug	5	Send to Patent Office Report for Annt Library
255	Chandler T. P.	"	6	Order for $10.000 Small Coin rec'd. Will transmit when operations are resumed
285	Chrystal John	"	14	Explaining delay in shipping small Coin
288	Chandler T. P.	"	15	Shipping $500 Small Coin for change till repairs are completed
"	" "			
294	Cooper Wm P	"	17	Report immediately for duty.
299	Clark S M	"	19	Returning check for signature
304	Chicago West Div R R Office	"	21	Return of ℔ for Correction
350	Colgrove W.	"	30	Redemption of the Copper Cents ceased in 1864
363	Carpenter Albert P	Sept	6	Pronouncing 5¢ Coin enclosed genuine
368	Crowder A. N	"	7	Nickel Cents received from him Melted. Proceeds remitted in abt 2 days
415	Clay C M Hon St Petersburg Russia	"	21	Concerning deposit of Bullion for Coinage in the National Mint of Russia
417	Caldwell D H.	"	24	Mint has no Coin of back date except in Cabinet. A few Nickel Cents of '56 Struck
452	Callaghan Bernard	Oct	7	No money rec'd at the Mint for him
468	Church D. C.	"	11	Relative to a Medal for Mint Cabinet
466	Cogan Edwd	"	"	2 Proof Sets & $15 5¢ pieces shipped
500	Crounse S. H.	"	28	Transmitting Express Co's explanation
"	"	"	"	relative to proceeds of his deposit.
527	Cox Danl W.	Nov	11	Charge for examination of Specimen
521	Clerk of the House of Representatives	"	12	Session Docs received
590	Chandler W E. Asst Sec'y Treasy	"	29	Report of Booth & Eckfeldt on
~~600~~	~~Cooper Edward Asst~~ "	Do		Geo B Moses process of melting ores
600	Cooper Edw Asst Sec'y Treasy	Dec	2	Abt Br Mint Charlotte

615	Chandler T. P. Asst Treas	Dec	11	Small coin order
657	Cavenaw + Rose	"	24	" " to be reshipped to Mint
731	Clews Henry & Co	Jan	17	orders for small coins
738	Clark Thos L.		"	Assigned to duty in weigh room U.S. Mint
741	Clark E.W. & Co		18	Small coins to L. Gage.
785	Cook A. C		30	Analysis of minerals
801	Cadwallader Hendrix	Feb	5	Invitation to Assay Comm.
802	Cake J.W.		"	" " "
806	Chandler T. P.		"	Small coin orders filled yesterday

		1867	
1	Dunning Geo F	June 1st	Silver dollars of back dates. not to be had.
103	Duzenbury D. C.	" 25	Deposit rec'd to Express Co - Too small
115	Dixon Jos & Co	" 27	Enclosing 0 lt in payt bill of Crucible
118	Darling L. B.	" 28	Inviting Bid for Sweeps (Br Mint S.F.)
131	Dinges W. J.	" 29	Report on Specimen "Iron Pyrites"
179	Darling L. B.	July 15	Accepting Bid for Br Mint Sweeps.
	"		Requesting the amt to be forwarded
188	Dunning Geo F.	" 19	Enclosing Assayer's Report on Platinum (Assay office Sitka)
243	" "	Aug 2	Certificate of deposit for process & reduction rec
	" "	" "	Unable to give information about balance at Br Mint San Francisco
	" "	" "	Shipped a Proof Set
252	" "	" 5	Enclosing a letter for E. W. Field
268	" "	" 8	Requisition for $30.000 rec'd for Ts coinage
270	" "	" "	Enclosing Copy of letter to Secy on subject whether the Mint & Branches shall cease Refining gold & Silver
"	" "		
274	Dennison J & Co	" 9	Asking a description of deposit of Cent
279	Dunning Geo F	" 13	other disposition was made of letter for E. W. Field enclosed to him on 8th inst
287	Dennison J & Co	" 15	Dies bag of cent received at Mint
"	" "		Correspond with one sent by them
310	Delmar Alexander	" 23	Component parts of the 3 & 5 cent Coin also weight of silver 1/4 dollar &c
347	Dunning Geo F Supt	" 30	Request him to forward Annual Statement of Deposit & Coinage
"	" "		
405	" "	Sept 20	Requesting him to obtain for the Mint a few gold Coins of France struck since 1862
418	Dunning Geo F Supt.	" 24	Enclosing a Communication from Prof Booth relative to the character of gold & Silver bars rec'd from N Y Assay Office
"	" "		
"	" "		
439	" "	Oct 2.	Enclosing $19.25 in payt of 5 Franc piece
449	" "	" 5	Requisition for $40.000 rec'd & for
448	" "	" "	Enclosing Circular for C. L. Patterson
454	" "	" 8	Requesting Estimate for Incidental expenses for the year ending June 30 1870 to be forwarded

			1869	
479	Dunning G. F. Supt		Oct 21	(Telegram) Waiting for estimate
522	" " "		Nov 6	Relating to an improvement in the Designs
"	" " "		" "	&c for the Coinage. asking his views
562	Dixon Jos & Co Jersey city		" 23	Ordering 200 covers for Denver B.M.
574	Dudley A.W. Frankfort Ky		" 25	Concerning analysis of Rock
586	Dunning S.F. NY.		" 29	" designs for New Coinage
588	" " "		" "	" parting charges
598	" " "		" 5	Statement to be prepared
618	Dixon Jos & Co		Dec 11	Crucibles to San Francisco
620	" "		" 12	Enclosing Dft on Day Lock for crucibles
638	" "		18	" " " covers
664	Daniel Jno H		" 27	Dft returned
665	Davis J. S.		" "	coin collection – no purchase
674	Dunning S.F. Asst Dft		" 30	Statement of Mortage, Demurrage & Deductions
691	Darling L.B.		Jan 2	Sweeps depreciation
696	Dixon Jos & Co		3	Enclosing Dft for crucibles
717	Dunning Geo F.		13	Requisition forwarded for $35.000
746	" "		18	Amt Regulation prescribed for A. C.
775	Denver Nat Bk		27	Small coins shipped
778	Dewing Seth		29	Value of 4 oz 2 dwts & 12 grs.
884	Dunning S. F.		Feb 27	Salaries of Clks in Ass. Off.

		1864	
12	Eckfeldt. J. R.	June 3	Order for Registering Requisitions &c
142	" "	July 3	As to Weighing Coins selected for Annual Assay
155	Evans Mrs H A	" 8	Extending leave of absence
178	Eckfeldt J. R.	" 15	Appointed actg Treas in Mr McKibbin's absence
373	" " "	Sept 8	Ordered that the capacities & adaptation
"	" "	" "	of Aluminum for Coinage purposes be tested
395	Edwards A. G.	" 14	If the results amt with order for
	Ass't Treas't St Louis Mo		Small Coins, it shall have attention
592	Eckfeldt. J R. assayer	Nov 29	Report on Moses pieces of
			secrecy ores
648	" " "		
648	" " "	Dec 20	Requisitions & Over-time
663	Eby & Hershey	" 27	Mineral Specimen
681	Eckfeldt J. R. Assayer	31	Mint regulations to be observed
695	" " "	Jany 3	Moneys for Analysis & Assays
891	" " "	Feb 29	Assayers Weighers - pay increased

		1867	
4	Francis Geo H.	June 3	Returning 5¢ piece as genuine
30	First Nat Bk Susquehanna Depot Pa	" 8	" " " " "
51	First Nat Bk Columbus Wis	" 10	Advising of error in shipment of Coin
54	Fatzinger E.	" 11	Advising shipment of $400 gold Coin
135	Floyd J. M.	July 3	Proof Set sent per Express
162	First Nat Bk Skowhegan Me	" 11	An order for 5¢ Coins filled in abt one week
171	" " " Lancaster Pa	" 13	Remit ck for Coin sent in error
182	Fox Geo. G. & Co	" 17	Relative to 2 Kegs Nickel Cents rec^d
199	Floyd J. M.	" 19	Proof Set shipped
226	First Nat Bk Barre Mass	" 24	Check for $150 not received at Mint
234	Fenneman Jno. I.	" 29	Package x x 2¢ piece ret^d Enclosing Circular
253	Field Cyrus W.	Aug 5	When can he give the Artist a sitting. to procure likeness that medal may be executed.
308	Fox Geo. G. & Co	" 23	Enclosing Circular & acknowledging receipt of Nickel Cents.
325	First Nat Bk Barre Mass	" 26	Original Ult ret^d. Duplicate received
334	First Nat Bk Iowa City Iowa	Telegram "	Package contain base metal
337	" " " " "	" 27	Deposit rec^d. ret^d to Express Co. to base to receive.
352	Field Cyrus W.	Sept 2	When can he give the Artist a sitting. Attention called to former letter
355	First Nat Bk Iowa City	Sept 2	Describing the Seals, number of bags &c &c containing their deposits of Manufactured gold Also abt value
"	" " "		
"	" " "		
"	" " "		
372	" " "	" 7	Deposit of $86.92 rec^d.
378	" " "	" 9	Mint cannot purchase the deposit of
"	" " "	" "	Manufactured gold - T/D 30 days rec^d &c
393	Field Cyrus W.	" 12	Introducing Mr Wm Barber.
416	First National Bk Newcastle Ind	" 24	Order for small Coin will have attention
421	" " " Union City Ind	" 25	" " " " " " "
427	" " " Idaho	" 26	Enclosing duplicate Mem of Assay of
"	" " " "	" "	gold Dust &c &c
428	Foote E. B.	" "	Inquiries answered relative to specimen &c

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421	First Nat Bank Lynn Mass	Sept 24	No record on the books of the Mint of a remittance for small Coins
433	" " " Iowa City Iowa	" "	Have written Mr Hayden to return bill
438	Feagans Wm W.	Oct 2	Returning amt rec from him for small Coin
446	First Nat Bk St Albans Vt	" 4	Small Coin forwarded in a few days
456	" " " Lynn Mass	" 8	Money for small Coins deposited with Agent of Adams Express Co July 17th
443	Fifth Nat Bk Providence R I	Oct 18	Bill rec for small Coins not unpaid
617	Fort Edward Nat Bk	Dec 11	Small coin order
632	Fillmore E E & Co	" 17	Draft returned
645	Ferris W H act asst Treas	" 26	Small coins
728	Franklin Nat Bk Columbus	Jany 16	Delay in forwarding ~~small coin~~

		1867	
26	Gorton Chas	June 6	Proof Sets
29	Goodyear Ellsworth D.S.	" 8	No deposit made by Edwards Helps 12 years ago
96	Gorton Chas	" 21	Advising of shipment 3 Proof Sets
100	Guilford Copper & Gold Mining Co	" 22	Acknowledging receipt of Deposit
159	Grout Emile	July 9	Letter & Report enclosed relative to refining Gold
283	Grilb H	Aug 14	Small Coins in Express Office at Bellefonte
412	Gerolt F de Baron	Sept 21	Concerning deposit of Bullion for Coinage in National Mint of Prussia
471	Garrish Thos. G.	Oct 17	Box containing Middlesex Mechanic Assn Dies shipped
"	" "	"	
478	Guffey A J	" 19	Specimens rec. Quartz Crystals
533	Graham J.A. Asst Register Treasy Dept Wash	Nov 13	Transmitting a list of the Officers & Clks employed in the Mint on Sept 30. '67
"	"	" "	
"	" "	" "	
740	Garrison A & Co	June 17	Order for 2pr drilled coin weights
762	" "	21	" " " "
784	Genessee Riv Nat Bk	30	Error in small coin order
802	Gilpin Chas	Feb 5	Assay Commission

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		1864	
16	Kappold. Com.	June 3	Alloy aluminum for Coinage. Mint has no time to consider.
38	Kinkley Russell	" 10	Returning Oft for Correction
57	Hartley D.P. Ass't Sec'y Treas'y	" 12	In reference to new Machinery &c
92	" " " "	" 20	Explaining availability of profits on Minor Coinage quoting provisions of the law &c
99	Hall C. J.	" 22	Enclosing Circular in reference to Nickel Cents
105	Harstine G. R	" 25	Report on Mineral Specimen sent
145	Hall C. J.	July 5	Nominal value of one pound Nickel Cents 98¢
170	Hallet J. E.	" 13	Relation to Cents &c.
303	Hartshorne Bro.	Aug 20	Cents are melted. Cannot then return
326	Hayden P. (Telegram)	" 26	Dust from 1st Nat Bk Iowa City received not yet
328	" " "	" "	Package of dust from 1st Nat Bk Iowa City
"	" " "	" "	received. Value uncertain. Manufactured 9¢
336	" "	" 27	above deposit rec'd Express Co. to be credited
432	" "	Sept 27	If he will forward Oft for proceeds of gold
"	" "	" "	rec'd from 1st Nat Bk Iowa City, will see
"	" "	" "	that it is presented to the holder of receipt
444	Hartley D.P. Ass't Sec'y of Treas'y	Oct 3	Copies of President's proclamation of
"	" " "		Sept 3rd rec'd. Requests an additional 100
449	" " "	Oct 5	additional Copies of proclamation rec'd
504	Howes & Macy	" 29	Small Coins shipped in several weeks.
551	Holbrook C. D. M.C	Nov 19	Mailing 2 Copies Director's Report
"	" "	" "	1863 & 1868
572	Hamlin, M, & Sons Penn Yan	" 25	Concerning orders for small coin
601	Homans J. Smith	Dec 7	Sending copies of Annual Reports
641	Huntington D.	" 19	Devices for new Coinage
646	"	" 20	Desiring name of Modeller
656	Howeth Geo W	" 21	Mint does not sell Gold
661	Hartly D.P. Ass't Sec'y Treas'y	" 29	Not deposit of $5000 Denver Bk Mint
700	Hagee Jno W	Jan 4	No coined Coins of less than One Doll
712	Huntington D.J. &c	" 12	Fineness of British Coins
723	" D.	" 13	Concerning Export Modeller
812	Howith Geo H.	Feb 7	Reference to Coin dealers

Holbrook E.D. Feb 17. Assay Off at Boise City Idaho

		1867	
357	Irving & Colley	Sept 3.	Forward 3 Cases (Stile's Engraving Machine) by Adams Express.
"	" "		
371	" "	" 7	Send duplicate bills of expenses on " "
386	" "	" 11	Enclosing $10.9 + in part of bill
653	Indiana Bankmfg Co	Dec 20	Small coin order

486	Jones Isaac W. Assayer Br Mt Charlotte	1867 Oct 21	Relative to repairs &c
494	" " "	" 25	Enclosing Communication from Secy of Treasy
"	" " "	" "	relative to repairs at Branch Mint Charlotte
515	" " "	Nov 4	Concerning the appointment of a Melter & Refiner at the Br Mt. &c &c
"	" " "		
580	" " "	" 13	Copy of letter sent to Secy of Treasy
599	" " "	Dec 5	Transmitting letter for Sec Treasy
604	" " "	" 7	Advice of articles shipped to Br Mint
624	" " "	" 12	Enclosing B/L for weights &c
719	" " "	Jany 13	Instructions concerning Bullion at Br Mint
726	" " "	" 14	" " "
748	" " "	" 18	New Mint regulation prescribed
759	" " "	" 20	Transmtg Reg & enclosing Extract.
768	" " "	25	Enclos. lett Sec Treas. con. Weigh Clk
774	Jones Dr W. —	27	Application Assayer Carson city
790	Jones Isaac W. "	Feb 1	Assay Balances to Charlotte
796	Johnston " Tom	" 4	25¢ & 50¢ gold coins not issued
799	Johnstown Fdt Nat Bk	5	Delay in ship.t small coins
846	Jones Dr W.	19	Monthly Repts for Br Mint required
881	" "	"	Invoice per Adams &c.
889	" "	28	" "

		1867	
134	Kershaw & Hunt	July 3	Quantity of Ice to be delivered
147	Kingsley H. C.	" 5	Enclosing report of Engraver on State of Yale College Dies
160	Knox J. J.	" 10	Application of Dr Bonzano for leave of absence not approved
173	" "	" 13	In reference to Contract for Nickel. Enclosing Medal Circular. &c &c &c
227	Koontz Geo. W.	" 24	Specimen. Zinc without a trace of Silver
246	Knox J. J.	Aug 5	Returning List of Coin book. Don't want them
258	Kneider J B	" 7	Report on Specimen
305	J B Kirtland Hill T & Co	" 21	Returning C/D. Enclosing Circular
307	Kraus & Smith	" 22	Order for Small Coin not received
329	Krupp Fred.	" 24	What price will he furnish four steel Rolls
	" "	" "	for the Mint & time required to make same
	" "	" "	Enclosing letter of Architect & to the
	"	" "	Director on the subject.
351	Kershaw & Hunt.	" 30	Reduce amt of ice delivered on Melter & Refiners Sir. 1/3 after 1st Sept.
396	" "	Sept 16	Supply of Afternoon ice to stop
"	" "	" "	Leave 40 lb Sunday morning
397	Knox Jno Jay	" "	2 Letter of 14th rec. Enclosing Circular relative to purchase of Nickel Cents. Director agrees with him that expenditure should be light at N.O. &c &c
	" " "		
	" " "		
	" " "		
402	Koontz G. W.	Sept 20	Specimen rec. Yellow Mica
451	King John	Oct 7	Relative to a collection of Coins in his possession.
469	Knox J Jay	Oct 17	What funds are available for repairs necessary to be made at Br Mint Charlotte
"	" " "		
"	" "		
504	" "	Oct 29	Transmitting amended Estimate
"	" "	" "	for Branch Mint New Orleans
"	" "	" "	to be substituted for those in hand
"	" "	" "	of Register & Secretary of Treasury
542	" "	Nov 15	Enclosing two Proof Copies of
"	" "	" "	Annual Report.

552	Knox Jno Jay	1867 Nov 19	Enclosing letter concerning Coining
"	" " "	" "	Operations at the Mint to be
"	" " "	" "	Handed to Secy for personal attention
602	Kelly Eugene & Co	Dec 7	Concerning Melting & Refining laws
721	Knox Jno Jay	Jan 13	" Br Mt Charlotte
743	Kelly Eugene	" 18	Enclosing Exp Private Refining Bill
810	" "	Feb 6	Conc'g private refining
832	Knox Jno Jay	14	Advising of letter to 1st Auditor
843	" "	19	Congressional Globe
847	Kelley W. D.	"	Coinage at N.O. Br Mt
854	" "	20	Enclosing Bill new small coinage
863	" "	25	Abt Refining & Parting
882	Kelly Eugene	26	" Private Refining
892	Kelley W D	29	Refining at S. F. Br Mt
895	" "	"	Salaries of Mint Clerks

		1864	
10	Longacre J. B.	June 3	Order for registering Requisitions &c
20	Little Brown & Co	" 3	Ordering Copies Statutes at Large
28	Little Brown & Co	" 7	enclosing 5$ in payment of bill
88	Lane Geo W	" 20	acknowledging receipt of Requisition $9250
101	Longacre J. B.	" 24	Order for 200 Specimens Al & Aluminium (Experimental 5¢ Coin)
108	" "	" 26	Geo Soley selected to go to London (Hall Eng Machy)
119	Longmans Sons R	" 28	Inviting Bids for Lueeps (Br Mt S.F.)
164	Longacre J B	July 11	Order for Medals.
169	Lowell Nat Bk	" 13	Returning 5¢ piece - genuine -
229	Longacre J. B.	" 25	Assigning J Travis Engr to assist him
237	Lyons National Bank	" 30	Wells Fargo Co's receipt rec. Procure deposit chipper
275	Longacre J B	Aug 12	Order to prepare dies for Br Mt San Francisco
324	Langdon Geo	" 26	Certificate of the Weight of Cents delivered
"	" "	" "	to the Express Co.
331	Longacre J B.	" "	Employees absent over 15 days 1/2 pay
346	Lane Geo W Supt	" 30	Requesting him to forward the Annual
"	" "	" "	Statement of Deposits & Coinage
364	Longacre Jas. B.	Sept 6.	Requesting suggestions that may tend to improve the character of the bronzing on the Copper Medals.
"	" "		
"	" "		
376	" "	" 8	Ordered that the capacities & adaptation of Aluminium for Coinage purposes be tested
424	Lane Geo W. Supt.	Sept 28	Requisition for $9584 rec. approved & forwarded
	" " "		
	" " "		
530	Lowther E H	Nov 12	Report on Specimen
534	Lane Geo W. Supt.	" 13	Concerning the receipt of Silver Bullion
547	" " " "	" 16	" " " " " "
557	" " " "	" 21	" mint-charges for parting &c
649	~~Longacre J B~~ Eng. U S Mt	Dec 14	Charge for Shipwreck Die
630	Lane Geo W Supt Br Mt	" 16	Enclosing B/L for 100 pr Shutts &c
636	" " " "	" 18	" " " Covers &c
651	Longacre J B. Eng. "	" 20	Requisitions & Overtime Notice
654	" " "	" 21	Upon Hes Rolls to be Changed

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670	Longacre J B. Engr U S Mint	Dec 30	Case of Mr Eckfeldt
675	Lane Geo W Supt Br Mint	" "	Wastage, Seniorage & Deduction
679	Longacre J B Engr	31	Regulations of Mint to be observed
750	Lane Geo W	Jan 18	Circ'g Mr Crater
751	" "	"	New Mt Reg. presented
789	" "	Feb 1	Invoice of Ship'l to Vienna

			1867	
17	McCulloch Hugh		June 3	Enclosing Count &c Br Mt San Francisco April
21	Martin David C.		" 4	Report on Specimens of Stones
22	McCulloch Hugh		" 5	Supervision of Deposit Melters Br Mint S.F.
31	"	"	" 8	Reporting repairs that have been made
	"	"		& to be made. also recommending the purchase
	"	"		of some new Machinery &c.
39	"	"	June 10	Enclosing Engineers Report omitted June 5th
57	"	" (J R Hartley Asst Secy)	" 12	In reference to New Machinery &c
63	Morris J P, Jayne & Co		" 13	Desiring them to name a machinist for Press Room
66	McCulloch Hugh		" 14	Enclosing Report of Engraver in reference to Aluminium for Coinage purposes. Also enclosing two specimens 5¢ piece of that metal
71	Milliken J & Co		" 15	Returning Draft for Correction
79	McCulloch Hugh		" 18	Expenses of minor Coinage to be paid from profits
81	"	"	" "	Enclosing specimen 5¢ Coin new design (Copper)
83	"	"	" 19	Requisition Br Mt Denver $9.250
84	Meyers C. B.		" "	Specimen sent nothing but an ordy mineral
86	McCulloch Hugh		" 20	Count & Examination Asst Treasr
89	"	"	" "	" " " Treasurer Mint
91	"	"	" "	Drawing &c for Seal Recorders Bureau placed in hands of Mr Barber for execution
92	"	" (J R Hartley Asst Secy)	" "	Explaining availability of profits on Minor Coinage expiring provision of law &c
95	Moore Jno. H.		" 21	Returning 5¢ piece as genuine
120	McCulloch Hugh		" 28	Relative to altering the limits of 5¢ piece from 2 to 1 to 2 to 1
"	"		" "	Enclosing extract from Chief Comr letter
136	"		July 3	Requesting a decision on subject New Machinery
140	McKibbin Chambers		" "	As to weighing Coins selected for Annual Assay
150	McCulloch Hugh		" 6	Relative to bids of Wells Fargo & Co & U.S. Express Co transportation of Bullion
152	"	"	" 8	Introducing Rodney Curtis
165	"	"	" 12	Requisition Lo $41.109.42 Existing balance
168	"	"	" "	Enclosing Count & Examination Br Mt 5th May 67
176	"	"	" 15	Appointing J R Eckfeldt act Treasr in absence of McKibbin
177	McKibbin Chambers		" "	" " " " "
183	"	(Telegraph)	" 18	Law requires one of the Ass to act in his absence
186	McCulloch Hugh		" 18	Enclosing telegram from Mr McKibbin Approving Eckfeldt act Treasr

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		1867	
203	Meade Jno	July 19	Enclosing Specimen Aluminum 5¢ piece
211	McCulloch Hugh	" 22	Count &c Treasurer U S Mint
219	do	" 23	" " Ass't Treasurer U S
220	Myers E B	" 23	Specimen lost. Send another with $5.00
225	McCoy A Ramsay	" 24	Explaining charge made by Express Co
230	McCulloch Hugh	" 26	Enclosing Mr Hoeffner's bill for payment
245	" "	Aug 3	Transmitting Statement of deposits rec & Coinage executed
248	Millward Wm	" 5	Enclosing Aluminum 5¢ piece
250	McCulloch Hugh	" "	Letter of 2d & 3 rec with design for Medal for C Wofield
	" "		
254	" "	" 6	Enclosing Diagram in reference to seal for Howard University
~~250~~	"		
259	" "	" 7	In reference to the subject "whether the Mint & its branches shall cease refining gold & silver"
	" "		
264	" "	" 8	Enclosing Requisition Assay Office N.Y. $30.000
272	" "	" 9	Repairs at the Mint progressing &c
276	" "	" 12	Enclosing Count &c Br Mt San Francisco for June 1867
278	" "	" 13	Enclosing Requisition Br Mt San Francisco $90.607.72
280	" "	" "	Shipping deal for Freeman's Bureau & enclosing bill
286	Marsh J S	" 15	Sending set of Coin for 1867
293	McCulloch Hugh	" 16	Explaining delay in preparing the Medal for Cyrus Wofield
	" "	" "	
313	" "	" 24	Count & Examination Asst Treasr Treasr U S Mint
315	" "	" "	" " " "
339	" "	" 29	Requesting an increase of $250.000 to Bullion Fund
340	" "	" "	Enclosing a communication from Mr Bonzano in relation to the repairs necessary to place that Institution in condition for Coinage operation.
"	" "		
"	" "		
"	" "		
348	" "	Aug 30	Requesting him to pass thro N.Y. Custom House free of duty 3 Cases containing "Hill Engraving Machine"
"	" "		
"	" "		
359	" "	Sept 3	Transmitting Count & Examination of Br Mt San Francisco made July 30 1867
"	" "	"	

		1867	
383	McCulloch Hugh	Sept 10	Requisition for U.S. Mint 44.275 Quartz Crushing
387	Maris J M & Co	" 11	Bid for Charcoal accepted
392	Moore Com G	" 12	Enclosing 2 Specimens Aluminum 5th Com.
423	McCulloch Hugh	" 26	Count & Examination Asst Treasr
424	" Sec'y of Treasy	" "	" " Treasurer U.S. Mint
429	" "	" "	Reporting that work will proceed at
"	" "	" "	once on the Field Medal. Also Coinage
"	" "	" "	Operation resumed.
435	" "	" "	Enclosing requisition for Mt Denver $9.584
450	" "	Oct 5	" " Assay Office N.Y. $40000
459	" "	" 10	Enclosing Count & Examination for Mint
"			San Francisco for August 1867
481	" "	Oct 21	Transmitting Communication from Isaac
"	" "		Lobones Assayer for Mt Charlotte in refer-
"	" "		ence to repairs necessary to be made at
"	" "		that Branch. Also relative to the ex-
"	" "		penses &c &c.
492	" "	Oct 24	Transmitting estimate for fiscal year
"	" "	" "	ending June 30 1869 with explanation
498	" "	" 25	Transmitting Annual Report
505	" "	" 29	Count & Examination Treasr U.S. Mint
506	" "	" "	" " Asst Treasr U.S.
509	Mmks Eliyah	" 28	Specimens rec Silicious rock with a
"	" "	" "	little iron, no value.
518	McCulloch Hugh		Extract from letter of Supt for Mint
"	Sec'y of Treasy	Nov 5	San Francisco concerning a large
"	" "	" "	sized Coining Press for work Eve
"	" "	" "	Requesting that $5.50 be inserted in
"	" "	" "	the estimate from that Branch
520	" "	" 6	Referring to letter rec from Supt Mint
"	" "	" "	Charlotte NC requesting that the supervising Architect of the Dept may
"	" "	" "	be sent on to prepare specification
"	" "	" "	for repairs

	McCulloch Hugh	1864		
524	Sec'y of Treasy	Nov	7.	Reporting condition of Columns in
"	" "	"	"	front of Mint building
534	" "	"	14	Relating to a Specimen Sheet of Brazil
"	" "	"	"	Currency to be sent to Mr H O Field of
		"	"	the Royal Mint London
538	McKibbin Chambers	"	15	Prescribing Regulations for Treasurer Clerk
"	" "	"	"	Arrangement of rooms &c
531	Morgan Orr & Co	"	12	Proposition concerning Coining
"	" "	"	"	Press for Br Mint S F accepted
543	McCulloch H. Sec'y of Treasy	"	15	Requisition for $44.275
550	" " "	"	18	Reporting progress made in Coining
"	" "	"	"	Operations at the Mint. &c &c
559	McCulloch Chas Ft Wayne	"	22	Bass-relievo of Hugh McCulloch shipped
563	Morgan, Orr & Co	"	23	Concerning machinery at Br Mint Charlotte
564	McCulloch Hugh Sec'y Treasy	"	23	Warrant $500 supplies to Charlotte
565	" " "	"	"	Concerning refining of Precious metals
569	" " "	"	"	Transmitting Bill concerning Mint & Coinage
575	" " "	"	25	Conc'g Wm Gibbon, Assayer Br Mint Charlotte
577	" " "	"	26	" Ward Gilbert's Screw Press
579	" " "	"	"	Enclosing letter from Supt Br Mint Charlotte
582	" " "			see Index Page 580
582	" " "	"	26	Conc'g communication of Simpson P Moses
584	" " "	"	26	Enclosing monthly balance of Treas Mint
585	" " "	"	"	" " " " Asst Treas
594	Mansfield Sec & Treas	"	30	Delay in shipping small coin
593	Moses Simpson P.	Nov	27	Copy of his letter to Sec Treasy
596	McCrory J. C	Dec	4	Small coin order
605	McFarland Sec E.	"	9	" " "
606	Murdock G. C	"	9	Mineral specimen.
607	McCulloch Hugh Sec Treasy	"	10	Requisition for Br Mint San Francisco
609	" " "	"	"	Forwarding coin from Hon Jno Rose, Canada
613	Mechanics Nat Bk	"	"	Gold shipped to Lt Nat Bk Boston

633 McKibbin Chambers Treas Mint
637 McCulloch Hugh Sec Treasy
659 " " " "
660 " " " "
671 Murphy Das
672 McCulloch Hugh Sec Tresy
682 " " " "
685 " " " "
687 " " " "
688 " " " "
689 " " " "
703 " "
704 " "
710 " " " "
714 McIntyre W.
716 McCulloch Hugh Sec Treasy
729 Murfreesboro Sav Bk
732 McCulloch Hugh Sec Treasy
733 " "
738 Moore Robt P.
742 McCulloch Hugh S. of T.
747 McKibbin. C.
753 McCulloch S of T.
763 " "
770 " "
776 " "
781 " "
782 McKibbin C.
792 McCulloch Hugh
797 "
816 " "
815 Moffat R. C
818 Mellen Ch.

Dec 17 Nickel Contract
19 $300,000 cent coinage asp. transfer to Treas
27 Monthly Statement of Treas U.S. Mint
" " " Asst Treas U.S.
30 Deposit of Gold Dust
" Enclosing Requisition Denver Br Mint
Dec 1 San Francisco Br Mint Defalcation
" Transmitting bill for Int Coinage
2 California Receipts.
" Visit to Washington postponed
" Bonds for security of clerks
6 Names of Assay Commrs
" On International Coinage
10 Oct & Nov counts at San Fr. Br Mint
13 Bag of 3c pieces short in counts
" Requisition. NY Assay Off $35,000
17 Adams Eq to refined $35,5/100. Eq ch
16 Photographic copies of medals &c
17 Enclosing letters for Assayer Charlotte
" Assigned to duty in Weigh Room.
18 Russian Emancipation medal
" Add Mint Reg. prescribed
20 Enclosing letter for Charlotte Br Mint
23 Bond of C. E. Monthly S. F. Br Mint
25 Requi for $44,275
28 Monthly Cert &c
29 " " Asst Treas
" Coinag metal
Feb 3 Transf Coin by Br Mint S. F.
5 Coinag small coinage &c
12 Warrant $500 Charlotte
10 Referred to coin dealer
12 Error small coin order

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819	McFarland J. L.		Feb 12	small coins shipped
821	McCulloch H.	S of T.	13	Trans. Resolu adpd by Assay Comm
823	"	"	"	" Comm for Assay Com concerning
~~824~~	"			Condition of Mint
841	"	"	17	Conc'g Holbrooks Boise city Bill
842	"	"	18	Deed Carson & Denver
844	"	"	19	Abt parting charges
866	"	"	25	Condition Br Mt S. F. Enclosg Extts
~~7~~				of correspondence conc'g it
880	"	"	26	Specific app. of Mint profits
886	"	"	28	Monthly Count US Mt
887	"	"	"	Profits Cent Coinge pd to US.
888	"	"	"	Monthly a/c. Asst Treas

		1864	
26	Ninth National Bank N.Y.	June 6	Value of 10 lb Nickel Cents
74	" "	" 17	Takes about 980 Nickel Cents to weigh 10 lb
77	Nelty Lewis	" "	The yield of 10 lb Nickel Cents about $9.80
87	Ninth National Bk N.Y.	" 20	Reply to a letter claiming $4.15 Short in shipment of Coin - Explaining mode of Counting &c
99	New Haven Baking Co	" 22	Mint doesn't redeem 1.2 & 3¢ pieces Enclosing a Circular
102	Neilsons M L & Co	" 24	Deposit rec'd & proceeds shipped 21st inst
106	National Sandwich Bank	" 25	Enclosing a Circular
144	National Bk of Salem N.J.	July 5	Relation to Small Coins ordered
153	National Bank of Salem N.Y.	" 8	Coins sent to Salem N J in Error.
166	Nichols C. P.	" 12	Proof Coins can be obtained
238	National Bank Note Co	" 31	Enclosing Samples of Warrant & receipt for design
241	" " "	Aug 1	" " " Assayers Report " "
309	New Haven Baking Co	" 23	Key 30 lb Nickel Cents not received
399	Naval E. S.	Sept 18	Granting extension of one week to leave of absence
400	National Bank Note Co	" 19	Suggesting alterations to be made in Design
422	Neff. Geo W.	" 25	Order for Small Coins filled in abt 10 days.
436	National Bank of Commerce, Boston	" 30	Enclosing triplicate statements of proceeds of
"	"	" "	Gold dust rec'd from 1st Nat Bk of Idaho
~~593~~	~~Noyes Simpson B.~~	~~Nov 27~~	~~Copy of his letter to Secy Treasy~~
595	Nevel Jno, Muncy Pa	Dec 3	Analysis of worthless mineral
848	Nye J.W.	Feb 18	Pr. Mint Carson City Nev

349	Ould Lancaster	1867 Aug 30	Can see the operations of the Mint if he calls
718	Obermeir	1865 Jan 13	Concerning medal modeller
770	Orff Watkins	25	Small coins slipped

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55	Phelps & Tracy	1867 June 12	Returning Oft for Correction
60	Peabody Institute	" 13	Advising of Shipment of one pair Dies
65	Packer E A & Co	" 14	Enclosing Bill of Lading 149 Casks Br Mint Sweeps
130	Payfer Geo. M.	" 29	Relative to a specimen 5¢ piece to be issued
163	Phelan Jno. M.	July 11	Value of Nickel Cents.
185	Payfer Geo M (transferred to Medal Dept Letter Book)	" 18	Medals shipped on 16th inst
210	Packer E. A & Co.	July 22	Order to deliver 149 Casks Sweeps to Dimean & Co (Delivered to Phelan's Nat Bk)
212	do	" "	Advising of the order for Sweeps being issued
249	Pollock Jas	Aug 5	Enclosing Aluminum 5¢ piece
257	Packer E A & Co	" 6	Desiring duplicate bill as stated
266	" "	" 8	Requesting a duplicate of the bill sent
292	" "	" 16	Enclosing check in payment of bill
"	" "	" "	of Expenses on Br Mint Sweeps
369	Palmer Walter	Sept 7	Cent rec'd from other than himself in N. Y. &c
379	Prouyn Jno B L.	" 8	Information he desires will be found in the digest
"	" "		of Mint Laws, a copy of which is enclosed
"	" "		Subject of a Common Standard of Coins for all countries
"	" "		will be noticed in Director's next annual report
	" "		Enclosing an extract from a letter of the
	" "		Director of Mint to Treasy Dept Dec 31 '62
441	Palmer Walter.	Oct 3	Small Coins shipped 1st & 2nd inst
497	Planters Saving Bank Farmville. Va	" 25	Proceeds of gold shipped by Express 22d inst
502	Prince Jno B.	" 28	Mint never issued 25¢ gold coins
519	Prosser Thos & Son	Nov 6	Relating to four pairs of Rolls for
"	" "	" "	Asking a new Proposition &c
772	Pritchett Levi	Jan 27	Analysis of Mineral
814	Palmiter H. G.	Feb 10	Refuses to Certificate for inf.

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14	Raynor H. M.	1867 June	3	Objecting to size & price of Platinum Assay apparatus
30	Ralston & Matthews	"	8	Declines to buy Spelter supply on hand.
59	Raynor, H. M.	"	13	Receipt of Assay Apparatus.
64	Robbins C	"	14	Letter of 10th inst to C McKitterrick
104	Reading Jas. A.	"	25	One Proof Set shipped
109	Rice Louis	"	26	How to obtain Fracl Currency
133	Ritchie T. P.	July	2	Relative to a die of Lincoln for medal
154	Reading Jas A	"	9	One Proof Set Shipped
194	Rager Angus	"	19	Specimen not enclosed in letter
195	Raynor H. M.	"	"	Enclosing Assayer's report on Assay Apparatus
206	Richardson A. D.	"	20	Reply made to his inquiries in course of a week
213	Raynor H. M.	"	22	Enclosing Coin of $250 pur't of Assay Apparatus
214	Richardson A. D.	"	23	Replying to inquiries made in his letter of 18th inst
443	Richards C B & Boas	Oct	3.	Coins will be forwarded in a few days.
491	Register of Treasury. Wash.	"	24	Transmitting Estimates for fiscal year
610	Rose Hon Geo Canada	Dec		ending June 30 '69.
610	" " "	"	5	Copy of his letter to Director of Mint
611	" " "	"	10	Abt purchase of US Silver Coin for Canada
627	Rochester Far & Mec Nat Bk	"	14	Small Coin.
834	Ross. E. P.	Feb	15	Abt Jas Murphy's gold deposit

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		1867		
2	Swain Robt. B.	June	1	Acknowledging receipt of Telegraph 2 Tons Copp
3	Spinner F. E.	"	1	Mailing 100 Circulars Cent Redemption
5	Swain Robt. B.	"	3	Acknowledging receipt of Reports for April '67
8	Snowden A. L.	"	3	Order for registering Requisitions &c
18	Stevens B. F.	"	3	Reference to sending "Hill Machine"
27	Second Nat'l Bk Ravenna O.	"	6	No premium on Cents of 1857. 8 & 9.
28	Snowden A. L.	"	7	Order for 100 Proof Sets (Silver & Copper) 1867
29	Shanks J. C.	"	7	Returning 1. 2 & 3. pieces as genuine
52	Spinner F. E.	"	11	Pronouncing 5th piece genuine making explanati
56	Smith Bros	"	12	Redemption of Copper Cents ceased in 1864
61	Stevens B. F.	"	13	Requesting him to visit the Mint in reference to Hill Engraving Machine
62	Sellers Wm & Co	"	13	Desiring them to name a machinist for Press Room
72	Snowden A. L.	"	17	Desiring to know what duties the Asst Engineer
76	Savings Bank Detroit Mich	"	17	performs. Also the merits of the other Engineers
"	Selder E.	"	"	Enclosing Circular The 5th piece without the bars the regular issue
78	Slaughter A. O.	"	18	Yield of foreign Coin. Proof Sets can be had
85	Spinner F. E.	"	20	Acknowledging receipt of bag Coin $619.73
94	Snowden A. L.	"	21	Calling attention to excessive variation in two cent pieces. asking for a report &c
111	Swain Robt. B.	"	27	Receipt of Assay Coins for April '67
112	Soley Geo. B.	"	"	Instruction relative to trip to London
116	Snowden A. L.	"	"	Half dollar planchets to be adjusted by hand
138	" "	July	3	As to weighing the Coins selected for Annual Assay
148	Spinner F. E.	"	6	What amt 1 2 3 & 5th pieces Coinage resumed wanted until
154	Salem Nat Bk Co	"	8	Can retain Coins & remit OK for amt
156	Spinner F. E.	"	9	Check & order for $2.000 Small Coins rec
161	Smith Bros	"	10	Relative to Small Coins rec without direction
167	Swain Robt. B.	"	12	Report for May rec. also receipt Assay Coins
172	Simons Hek.	"	13	Price of Proof Set (5 & C) $3 Coin
191	Swain Robt. B.	"	19	Enclosing Assay and Refiners Platinum Assay apparatus
208	Snowden A Lawson	"	20	Dispensing with service of Dr Valin
209	" "	"	"	Give Mr Henry Rees one more trial
221	Swain Robt. B.	"	23	As to weighing Coin selected for the Annual Assay. &c &c

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		1867	in reference to his Branch.
231	Swain Robt B	July 26	Any suggestions he may make will be received & incorporated in Annual Report. Rate of machinery - Products of Pacific Coast &c &c
247	Snowden J Ross	Aug 5	Enclosing a 5 $ piece struck in Aluminum
256	Swain Robt B	" 6	In reference to furnishing a series of Medals for a Cabinet at Br Mint
	"		
269	"	" 8	Enclosing a copy of letter to Secy on the subject whether the Mint & Branches shall cease refining gold & Silver
277	"	" 13	Report rec for month of June also Requisition for $90.607.92 to forward
289	Spinner F E	" 16	Shipping $2.000 Small Coin
291	Swain Robt B	" "	Statement of Proceeds of Sweeps
297	Second Nat Bk Phila	" 17	Returning Cent Check with explanation
301	Stevens B F	" 19	Acknowledging specimen for Mint Cabinet. In reference to other specimen
	"	"	Also order for London Economist
316	Swain Robt B	" 24	Statements for the year received
317	"	" "	Enclosing a copy of the Director report to the Dept on the subject of Deposit Melters
322	"	" 24	Enclosing copy of the 3d page of his letter of 29th July addressed to Director
"	"	" "	Also a copy of a list of Working dies
"	"	" "	for Br Mint shipped Aug 22
332	Snowden A L	" 26	Employe absent over 15 days 1/2 pay.
338	Smith Pirro	" 29	one pound Nickel Copper cents worth 98¢
354	Spinner F E	Sept 2	Transfer order for $250.000 Coin received
358	Swain Robt B	" 3	Report for July rec. Also order for one doz Files & Diagram of same
360	Spinner F E	" 4	Check for $3.000 rec. $900 Small Coin forward
		" "	balance will be shipped soon as possible
366	Stevens B F	" 6	Enclosing bill of Exchange in payment
"	"	" "	of the Hill Engraving Machine.
"	"		Also to substitute the Money Market review for the London Economist if he thinks it would suit the purpose
"	"		of the Mint better.

		1869	
377	Snowden A Louvon	Sept 8	Ordered that the capacities & adaptation of Aluminum for Coinage purposes be tested
" 391	Salisbury G. H.	" 12	May expect returns from Nickel Cents in abt 30 or 40 days
394	Steele Horace	" "	Returning Office on N.Y. $200 No Funds
403	Spinner F. E.	" 20	Shipped $500 5 Cent Coins
409	Swain Robt B.	" 21	Estimate for year ending June 30 '69 Rec.
"	" "	" "	also Assay Coins for July. '67
410	Stoeckel Baron de	Sept "	Concerning deposits of Bullion for Coinage in National Mint of Russia
" 426	Stevens B. F.	" 26	Requesting him to obtain for the Mint
	" "	" "	Cabinet some foreign Coins
440	Sharp Weiss & Co.	Oct 1	Reporting the receipt of an inferior article
"	" " "	" "	of Coal for the past seven days
442	Spinner F. E.	Oct 3	Order for small coin rec. same shipped
"	" "	" "	with balance of former order same day.
445	Schaeffer J. A.	" 4	Small Coin shipped on 1st inst.
453	Stevens B. F.	" 7	Licence for using Hills Engraving Machine
"	" "	" "	rec. Also file of Economist & specimen
"	" "	" "	of other papers
458	Swain Robt B	" 10	Report of Comt & Examination for months of
	" "	" "	August received.
460	" "	" "	Adjusting Scales & Rules have been received
"	" "	" "	Can have one of the large Coining Presses for Branch
"	" "	" "	being made for the Mint of the Orient.
464	" "	" "	Letter enclosing report of Assayer of Br
467	Coville Frederick	Oct 12	relative to Platinum Assay apparatus &c
"	" "		$6 & 54/100 shipped to Dow & Hilton
"	" "		Richmond Mo by Express on 24th inst
468	Spinner F. E.	" 16	$2000 5¢ Coins shipped
477	Snowden A. L.	" 19	Purchase of Low Water Reports authorized at a cost not exceeding $50
479	Swain Robt B. Supt.	" 23	Report for August rec.

			1869	
507	Swan Robt B. Supt		Oct 29	Working dies for 1 & 10¢ shipped.
"	"	"	"	Engravers list enclosed. also B/L for
			"	one doz files. Assay Com for August rec
513	Spinner F. E. Treas U.S.		Nov 2	$2.000 5¢ Coins forwarded
514	Snowden A L Chf Coiner Wm		" 4	Name of Theodore Lobeaine to be stricken from
			"	the rolls
528	Spinner F. E. Treas U.S.		" 12	$600 in 3¢ pieces shipped
529	Sherman Jno		"	Concerning Cents of 1824 & 5
532	Seavey Geo F.		" 13	Specimens all distributed
535	Swan Robt B.		" "	Coining Press to be ready in 3 mos
"	"	"	"	Can be paid for out of an unexpended
		"	"	appropriation
544	Spinner F. E. Treas U.S.		" 15	Enclosing H.5 in payt Sheet Trade Currency
545	Seward W. H. Sec of State		" 16.	Can Shield of Trade Currency be sent to
"	"	"	"	Mr Field this State Dept
560	Spinner F. E. Treas U. S.		" 22	$2000 small coin shipped
561	Swan Robt B. San Francisco		" 23	Does cost of parting & express charges? Telegram
573	" " "		" 25	Enclosing B/L for tiles
589	" " "		" 29	Concg parting charges
608	" " "		Dec 10	Approving requisition
614	Spinner F. E. Treas US		" 11	Small coin order
616	Steiner S.P.		" "	Oil to make test required
622	Spinner F. E. Treas US		" 12	Small coin to Denver 1st Nat
623	Swan R. B. Supt Bar Mt		" "	Enclosing B/L for crucibles
625	Sutliff W. W.		" 13	Mineral specimen
628	Snowden A L. C. Coiner		" 14	Requesting weekly statements
634	Swan R. B. Supt Bar Mt		" 18	Assay coins to be forwarded
635	Snowden A L.		" 19	Case of Jno Richardson
640	" "		" "	Duties of Engineers assigned
644	" "		" 20	Downing & James transferred
650	" "		" "	Requisitions & Overtime notice
652	Simpson Bros		" "	Small coin order
655	Squires Wm H		" 21	

658	Sheaffer S. G.	Dec	26	Mineral Specimen
667	Safford Geo S.	"	28	Assay of Gold Dust
673	Swain R. B. Supt Br Mt		30	Statement of Seniorage, Mostage, & Deductions
677	Spinner F. E. Meas Ms		31	Small coin order
680	Snowden A L C. Coin		"	Mint regulations to be observed
690	Swain R B. Supt Br Mt	Jan	2	Sweep deficiency
697	Strauss J H.		3	Duplicate Assay Mem
698	Swain R B. " "		"	B/L per Ship Dexter
701	" "		4	Darling's Sweeps
706	" "		7	Shipment of Copper
707	Snowden A L C Coin		"	List of items sold in 1867 decided
711	Sheaffer S. G.		11	Quartz Specimens.
713	Springfield 1st National		13	Supposed counterfeit coin returned
715	South Bend 1st National		"	Draft returned for correction
724	Snowden A L.		14	Practical Jokes prohibited
730	Southern Exp Co Agt		17	Refunding fee on small coin
739	Swain R B.		"	Iron & steel rolls to be made
745	" "		18	New Mint Reg prescribed
765	Stevens B. F.		24	Orders for Phelps' Mining & Metallurgy
787	Snowden A L	Feb	1	Overwork prohibited
791	Swain R. B.		3	Dec Repts of Br Mt recd.
793	Shaw S. B		4	Describing 5¢ piece
795	Scudstring G. H.		"	Small coins per Adv. Exp
803	Swain R. B.		5	B/L for gold shipped by Exp
805	Spinner F. E		"	Small coins filled without delay
828	Smith J. L.		12	Adjustment of accts, & Sub Letter of Sec of Treas on subject
833	Spinner F E		"	
833	" "		14	Small coins shipped
865	Swain R. B.		25	Rpt on recent defalcation
878	" "		22	Tel Dis abt Annual settlement
879	" "		"	" " " Assayer's Report
885	Spinner F. E.		28	Small coin order

		1864	
27	Thomas & Mason	June 6	Enclosing proceeds of Mutilated Currency
110	Tanners Nat Bank	" 26	Two boxes containing Nickel Cents &c
205	Taylor Alfred B.	July 19	Enclosing Specimen Aluminum 5¢ piece
223	Troemner Henry	" 23	Present his bill for balance after packing & shipping it on Steamer for New Orleans
	" "		
404	" "	Sept 20	Proposal to supply the Mint with a Standard State Balance (5 ft) for $1700 accepted
490	Trabue S. F. J.	Oct 28	2 ℔ of Rock in original condition enough for examination
"	" "		
512	" "	Nov 2.	Specimens sent. Limestone inferior quality
668	Tausig, Emmp & Co	Dec 28	Deposit returned
705	Thornoke S. L.	Jan 6	Weight & fineness of Double Eagle
709	Taylor J. W.	" 10	Statement of Gold Deposits at Mint
766	Three River Nat Bk	" 24	Gold Dust deposit
780	Troemner Henry	" 29	Balances for S.F. Bd Nat
820	Tremperleau Co Bk	Feb 13	Express charges refunded
827	" "	"	Enclosing order

		1867	
535	U. S. Depository Cincinatti	Nov 20	$5000 in 5¢ coin shipped
639	Mecas Nat Bank	Dec 18	~~Weighed~~ Value of One pound of Nickel
772	Union Bank	Jan 25	Over or Short Ex - Refund charges
809	U. S. Dep. Cin	Feb 5	Small coins shipped without delay

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			1867	
242	Van Wart McCay & Co		Aug 1	Requesting a Copy of Contract under which they supply Nickel
335	" " " "		" 27	Remitting check for 4 Cases Nickel

		1867	
56	Wilder L.	June 12	In relation to Bronze Medals
94	Watson Jacob P.	" 21	Enclosing Circular
181	Wilson Jno. R.	July 17	Mint purchases Silver Plate
224	Watson Jno. R.	" 24	Send price list of fire brick & fire clay
239	Wilson Jno. R.	" 31	Box Silver plate rec.
291	Wilson & Wood	Aug 17	Mint Cannot furnish Crystallized Nitrate of Silver
389	Wood Wm W & Co.	Sept 11	In reference to a charge of $100 by Express on $100 rec'd to them as per order.
411	Wydenbruck "Count"	Sept 21	Concerning deposit of Bullion for Coinage in National Mint of Austria
474	Wilson Jos. S. Commissioner Gent Land Office.	Oct 18	Reply to his letter of 15th inst
548	Warren S & Co.	Nov 18	Returning C/D 150 sent for small Coins.
"	" "	" "	
603	Wyoming Nat Bank	Dec 7	Small coin drafts
626	Webster E H. Balt	" 13	" " order
631	Weishelbaums & Tappan	" 16	" " "
666	Wallace A.S.	" 28	" " "
676	Woolson Moses	" 31	Proof sets
699	Wharton Jos.	Jan 3	Note of W & H nickel
761	Wilson & Shober	" 21	Gold deposit
800	Willcut Al A	Feb 5	U.S. Coinage
862	Wolf C A	" 21	Analysis Specimen
864	Wilson & Shober	25	Loss of Dep Cf

			1867	
300	Young Edwd & Co		Aug 19	Total Coinage of the Mint since establishment to Dec 31 66 inclusive
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686	"	"	Jan 2	Cent Redemption order

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Sir.

In reply to yours of 21st ult. asking whether you could procure at the Mint Silver dollars of the dates 1851. 2. 4. 5. 7. I would state that I am unable to grant your request, as the Mint has no Coin of past date except in its Cabinet.

To
Geo. F. Dunning Esq
Supt
U. S. Assay Office
New York

Very Respy
H. B. Snowman
Director

Very Respy
H. Richman
Director

June 1 7

Sir:

Your Telegram of 25th May was received by me on the 28th ult. I answered on same day "Yes by steamship Queen on first instant." Upon further inquiry I learn that it was shipped as "Fast" and should arrive at San Francisco on or about May 23d." I hope by this time it has been received at your Branch.

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt
U S Br Mint
San Francisco
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Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

Paris 1st 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 29th ult.

I have this day mailed to your address 100 Copies of the circulars as per your request.

To
Hon F. E. Spinner
Treas U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
H B Lindenmuth
Director

June 3 7.

Sir

Please find enclosed the 5¢ piece received in yours of 30th ult. It is genuine. The omission of the stars was made by order of the Secy of the Treasury in February last.

Very Respy

H B Lunderman

To

Geo W Francis Esq

P. Office Director

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I am in receipt of yours of the

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2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. Statement of Loans &c
5. Statement of Deposit & Coinage

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H. L. Linderman

J. L. Wright [illegible] When the [illegible]

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which will signify that the Requisition for, and examination and delivery of the supplies have been made as required on the Order.

June 25 7

Sir:

For the purpose of protecting the interests of the Government, in the matter of supplies of materials for the several Departments, Requisition for the same will be made in all cases on the Director. The Requisitions will state the Article or Articles required, the quantity, & the price proposed to be paid therefor. After the same have received the Director's approval they will be registered in the Director's office, by a person to be designated hereafter for that purpose. When the supplies are purchased and brought to the Mint for delivery, notice will be sent to the person having charge of the registering of Requisitions, who will satisfy himself that the articles delivered agree in quantity with the Requisition made therefor. When bills are rendered, they will take the same course as heretofore, except, that prior to the signing of the usual Warrant for the payment thereof, the person having charge of the registering the Requisitions, will affix his initials on the bill

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Very Resp.

H. R. Linderman

Director

To

J. C. Porter Esq.

Melter & Refiner

Mint

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To

A L Snowden Esq
Chief Engr
N. Y. Navy

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Director

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To J. Longacre Esq
Engraver
H. R. Linder Esq

June 9

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Very Respy
H Rahmanian
Director

To
J R Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer
Mint

We are extremely sorry to find that the Wire and Otherwise you have sent for the Platinum apparatus, do not at all correspond with the order we gave as to size; nor with our expectations as to cost. I will thank you not to forward it by Express until we can have a fair understanding.

In your Circular letter of 24 you offer us an apparatus for 12 oz. Gold wire and in the letter of May 5 you wish to work 90 ozs at a time. If this would be just our work, we declined the offer, but in a letter dated May 9 we requested an apparatus for working 16 ozs. If you consider above 90 ozs the proper offer to make, we will take it at the price and with the terms of payment specified in our letter of May 9.

The 6 oz gold wire apparatus worth $41 is not a suitable one for us for and discussions. There is no

June 3 7

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In your Bros letter, Dec 24, you offer us an apparatus for £270 in gold: which as per letter of Jany 5, is fitted to work 90 assays at a time. As this would not suit our work, we declined the offer; but in a letter dated Jany 9 we requested an apparatus for working 16 assays, of course requiring about one fifth the weight of platinum, & amount of labor as compared with the large apparatus.

The bill just sent, is for an apparatus working 41 assays, an article we have no use for, and did not order. There is also

a doubling and trebling of some of the platinum fixtures, which the rapid working of a trade assayer might call for, but seems to be a mere heaping up of useless expense, for us, which I do not feel warranted encountering, for an article which is not likely to be in frequent use.

You will observe also, that on the large apparatus, offered for $270 you had paid 40 per cent duty, making the net cost $162; against $250, your charge for the small apparatus, on which no duty was paid. An addition of 40 per ct. would have made it $350.

In short the article we ordered, we had reason to expect would cost $60, or at most $75 in gold; and cannot therefore refrain from making complaint.

I should like to hear your explanations in regard to this matter. But positively, a larger apparatus than the one we ordered, we cannot use.

Yours Respy
H. R. Lindeman
Director

To J. M. Raynor Esq.
142 Broadway
New York

June 3 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 30th ult. with enclosures.

I send this day to your address (per Adams Express Co) 2 Sets Proof Coin for 1862.

Very Resp.

H R Linderman

Director

To

Wm M Bowman Esq

Bucyrus

Ohio

June 3 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of this date.

I would state in reply, that the subject of using aluminum for Coin has been before us for years, and we have a hope that it may eventually be found practicable; but at present the price is far too high, and the Mint is too much occupied with other matters to pay attention to it.

Very Resp.

H R Linderman

Director

To

Wm Happoldt Esq

342 Crown St.

Philad^a

June 2d 1837

Sir:

I have herewith transmitted to the Exp of Congress, a statement exhibiting the receipts of the Dealers in Oysters and examination made at the close of April last.

The discrepancy of $18.00 in the accounts of the Comptr & Treasurer seems to exist.

To
Hon Ralph McCullock
Secy of Treasy
Washington

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would have to bear, if we should afterwards conclude to send to London for a workman to take a trip across.

June 3rd 7

Sir:

I have received your letters of 15th & 16th ult. and thank you for prompt aid and attention. Mr Hill had not had time to get our letter, requesting him to see the machine.

I have concluded to request you to send it, without waiting for a machinist to go over and examine it. We have such a person, who would be very suitable (Foreman in the die department), but he cannot by any means be spared. Moreover, with the mechanical skill that we can command here, and with our knowledge of the French machine, which has been in use here for many years, it is reasonable to expect that we can work the Hill machine, with suitable written instructions.

At the same time you will please inform me what expence we

would have to bear, if we should afterwards conclude to send to London for a workman to take a trip across.

Yours &c
Very Respy
H. R. Lindeman
Director

To
B F Stevens Esq
No 7 Henrietta St
Covent Garden
London.

You will please forward without delay by express to the Mint, copies of the Statutes at Large passed during the first and second sessions of the 35th Congress Also those of the second session of the 34th and first session of the 40th Congress

Very Respectfully &c
H R Lindeman
Director

Little Provost
Boston
Mass

June 3d 7

Sirs

You will please forward without delay by express to the Mint, copies of the Statutes at Large passed during the first and second sessions of the 35th Congress. Also those of the second session of the 39th and first session of the 40th Congress.

Very Respectfully &c

H. Linderman

Director

Little, Brown & Co.
Boston
Mass

June 4 7

Dr David C. Martin

Sir,

I presume it will be sufficient, without giving the mineralogical titles of the specimens you have sent, to say, that they are varieties of very ordinary stones, somewhat tinged with mica or mineralized iron, & giving no indication of any value.

Yours respectfully

H R Lundemann

Director

June 5 7

Sir:

I have carefully examined the correspondence enclosed to me in your letter of the 2nd ult. on the subject of the supervision of the deposit Melters at the San Francisco Mint by a representative of the Government Institution and respectfully submit my views in relation to the same.

In regard to the principles involved in the subject.

The deposit being committed to the care of the Treasurer by Law, he is evidently designed to be the guardian of the depositors interests until their value becomes known by melting weighing after melting, and by assay. They are then and should not be under control of the Melter & Refiner first because it is the law and second if he found by an approximate trial that his account was running rather short he might be disposed to gather up the grains in the deposit room more liberally for his own account than for the depositor

The proper duties of the Melter & Refiner

in relation to deposit, prior to his receiving them, is to give advice, when asked by the Treasurer, on the best mode of melting deposit with a view to economy in the operation, to making the fullest practicable return to the Depositors, and to guarding the Government against loss.

2. In regard to the Treasurer's responsibility for deposits they are of a moral, not a pecuniary character because the deposits, although in his care, are not charged against him until delivered to the Melter & Refiner, when each officer is simultaneously charged with the value after melting so that the Treasurer's money responsibility is transferred wholly and entirely to the Melter & Refiner about as soon as it becomes responsible for them.

3. The Weigher & Clerk, who is appointed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has access at all times to the deposit melting room, and it is his duty under existing regulations to see that the usual and proper "loss of ores" in melting deposits are not exceeded. It is proper and necessary that this duty should be attended to by the Weigher because he is

the only one who has a full opportunity, of examining each deposit and of noting the character of the same, prior to the transfer thereof to the Deposit Melting Room.

From all that appears in the correspondence Mr Cheesman has really no ground for complaint. The Superintendent and Treasurer each quote such parts, of the last Director's letter of July 27 1866, as reflect most their own views, and it is most probable that personal want of accord, from causes unknown, is the root of the whole disagreement. The courtesy of gentlemen between the Officers, and their harmonious action, are essential for carrying on the Mint and Branches successfully.

The Superintendent, if desirous, would not force upon the Treasurer's Melting Room, an obnoxious or incompetent person. Where the Treasurer's suggestion, or the Superintendent's proposed appointment, run counter to the best judgment of the other, it is very desirable to seek for a [illegible] if one is needed.

It certainly was not intended that

that the power of the Chief Officers should be used despotically, and without any deference to the wishes of the secondary officer, who has to bear the responsibility. But it does not at all appear that Mr. Swain has taken such a course.

The law vests the appointment of the Deposit Melters in the Superintendent, but the Treasurer and his Weigh Clerk, very properly, have access at all times to the room in which the deposits are first melted, and can give such supervision as is necessary to protect depositors on the one side, and the Government on the other.

No alteration of existing regulations, or additional supervision in the Deposit Melting Room, is in my judgment desirable or necessary.

The correspondence relating to the subject is returned herewith.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
N. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

June 6 / 4

Sir

You can obtain the Proof Sets you desire by remitting $9.00 in Coin - $3 per set.

We have no pattern pieces except those in our Cabinet of the Mint -

There has been no pieced Coin struck -

To
Chas Carton Esq
Pres'd

Geny Reapy
H R Linderman
Director

Rhode Island Numismatic Society
Providence R.I.

To
Mr Thomas Mason
Birch Creek
Antes Co
Pa

Geny Reapy
H R Linderman
Director

June 6 / 4

Sir

In reply to yours of 4th inst I would state that 10 ℔ of Nickel cents will yield about $9.50 -

To
Cashr
9th Nat'l Bk
New York

Geny Reapy
H R Linderman
Director

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June 6 7

Gent:

Please find enclosed 75¢ proceeds of mutilated Currency received in yours of 4th inst.

The balance could not be redeemed. Too much mutilated.

In future please send such matters to the Asst Treas U. S. Phila, who is the only person empowered to redeem them

To
Mr Thomas Mason
Beech Creek
Antes Co
Pa

Yours Resp
H. B. Lindeman
Director

June 6 7

Sir:

The cents of 1857 & 9 are worth no more than their face value.

To
Cashr
Dondna & R R
Ravenna
Ohio

Yours Resp
H. B. Lindeman
Director

June 7 7

Sir: You will cause to have struck 100 Set Proof Coin for the present year. Silver & Copper

Very Respy

A. B. Lindsman

Director

To

R. L. Snowden Esq

Chief Coiner

U S Mint

June 7 1847

Sir: I herewith enclose $10.50 in payment of bill for Statutes received in yours of June 5th.

Please receipt the enclosed bill and return.

Very Respy

A. B. Lindsman

Director

To

Mr. Little Brown & Co

110 Washington St.

Boston

Mass

A. B. Lindsman

Director

Office Chief Coiner

Louisville

Ky

I herewith return the Coin

Hereworth return

Cashr 1st Nat Bk
Susquehanna Depot H B Lindenmuth
Pa

June 5 /

In reply to your of yesterday I would state that we have a sufficient supply of Belts on hand to last for [illegible]

Yrs Dalton & Mathews
133 Walnut St.
Phila

H B Lindenmuth
Director

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June 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

When I entered on the duties of this Office there was on hand about $250.000, of unpaid minor coinage deposits.- U.S. Notes deposited for exchange for one and two cent change coins and three and five cent Nickel-copper pieces.- The daily demand for those coins was for some time thereafter, about $10.000; and the daily coinage of the same averaged $8000. By instituting a strict system of discipline throughout the several departments, and close attention on the part of the operative officers and myself, the daily coinage was soon more than doubled, and I am now able to report that the arrears of $250.000 has been paid off, and the daily demand for the 1. 2. & 5 cent pieces has been met at the same time.

We shall continue to push coinage to the full capacity of the machinery in its present worn and imperfect condition, until there is accumulated an amount of small coins

meet the wants of the U. S. Treasury, and the patients during the time the operations of the Mint will have to be suspended for repairs. This will probably be accomplished about the 15th of July next.

The large room in which the planchets for the gold and silver coins are adjusted to the legal standard weight, by hand, was found to be in a condition unsuitable for these manipulations, the floor and sills being decayed and the walls and ceiling discolored and soiled. This room has been thoroughly repaired and is now in excellent condition.

The room in which the album collection of coins, medals & bullions are preserved was also in a very dilapidated condition. It has been undergoing repairs for some days and is nearly finished, and when completed, the Mint Cabinet, as it is termed, will be creditable to the Institution and to the U. S. Government.

These repairs have been made by the workmen ordinarily employed at the Mint, and with a small outlay for materials, as soon as this room is finished some painting and [redacted]

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~~and~~ painting which are much needed in the Halls, and Rooms occupied by the Officers & Clerks, shall be done.

Before fixing definitely on the time for the temporary suspension of operations for necessary repairs of Machinery, &c, I desire to estimate as near as practicable the amount of Nickel cents we are likely to receive under your recent authorization for receiving the same in exchange for the three and five cent coin. It is also desirable that we should be informed of your decision in regard to the coinage of the five cent Nickel-copper pieces at New Orleans.

I enclose herewith for your information a communication from Messrs Morgan Orr & Co, of Philadelphia, who at my request made a thorough examination of the Machinery in the several departments of the Mint. A report on the same subject, from the Chief Engineer of the Mint, is also transmitted. Messrs Morgan Orr & Co were employed to make the examination on account of their long experience and thorough knowledge of Mint Machinery, and in consequence had not a necessity so certainly required as a matter of reasonable free action against

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in constructing & constructed and put up in former Years most of the Machinery in the Mint and Branches. Their opinions and estimates on the subject are reliable. They recommend the following new Machinery to be supplied:

1. Steam Drum or Wax Box for waxing and greasing strips
2. One copper Annealing Pan
3. Two Draw Benches
4. Four Cast Steel Rolls
5. One additional Engine of sufficient power to drive the Mint Machinery
6. Two Coining Presses

The 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th items are, in my opinion, actually necessary. Item 4. — Four cast steel Rolls, will have to be ordered from Krupp's Steel Works in Germany, the only Works as far as I know, where such large and reliable Rolls can be procured. The order for them should be forwarded immediately.

Item 5. One additional Engine. This if not a necessity is certainly required as a matter of reasonable precaution against

unavoidable accidents. It is proper to add that the Engines now in use at the Mint, were made a number of Years ago, and independent of their deterioration from long and continued use, they are not equal in construction or efficacy to those manufactured at the present time.

One new Coining Press is required, and a second one would be useful and increase the capacity of the Mint for the preparation of coins.

The Foreman of the Machine Shop, (a very competent Machinist) is of opinion that the following new Machinery is necessary in his department:

One 20 Inch Planing Machine
One 8 Inch Slotting Machine
One 12 Inch Screw Cutting Lathe
One Set of Taps & Reamers.

These implements are required for minor repairs, which should be done in the Mint, as a matter of convenience and economy in

to the time and expense.

The cost of the new Machinery, is estimated at about $25,000.-

The Machinery having been worn out or impaired principally in the preparation of various Cent Coinages since 1856, the expenses of repairing the same are properly payable out of the profits arising from that Coinage. The same remark will apply to the expense for the additional Machinery as it will be used in the Manufacture of Minor Coins.

I respectfully request that You will extend the authorization contained in Your letter of 22nd. of April last, so as to include the construction of so much of the new Machinery recommended in the Reports herewith enclosed, as You may deem proper and expedient.

When these repairs shall have been made, and the new Machinery recommended, constructed and put up, the Mint, will in a few months be brought to a degree of efficiency creditable to the Government and the Country.

The repairs will be made and the

new Machinery put up under the supervision of the Officers of the Mint, and with a view to the utmost economy both as to time and expense, - the Machinists, Smiths, Carpenters, Bricklayers &c, of the Mint, will aid in making the repairs and putting up of the new Machinery.

I have the honor to be,
With great Respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

June 10 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 4th inst enclosing dft on N.Y. for $500 payable to Wm Millward U.S. Mint.

I return herewith said dft, which please make payable to the Treasurer U.S. Mint and enclose it to him with your order, and it will receive early attention.

Mr Millward retired from the directorship of the Mint on March 4th last.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon
Thos H. Crosby
Speaker
Belleville
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June 10. 7

Joseph Curtis Esq
Newport Penn.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th inst, I have to state that if you send $500 in U.S. Notes to the Treasurer of the Mint, a draft for the same payable to his order on any Reliable Bank in New York, or the City, a corresponding amount in fine coin or bullion will be returned to you by Express, freight paid by the Mint. — The terms of exchange apply to any part of the sum you propose to send. —

Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

June 10. 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch.
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

The enclosed Report of the Chief Engineer of the Mint, should have been transmitted with my letter of the 8th. inst. respecting repairs, new Machinery &c.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect.
Your obt. Servt.
H. B. Snowden
Director.

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Dr. Henry R. Henderson
Director Mines

Sir: The undersigned respectfully beg leave to present the following report on the condition of the Steam machinery and appurtenances placed by you in his charge, and also to make such suggestions and recommendations as will tend to render it most efficient and economical. There being no established system by which the several engines are designated, I will take the liberty of referring to them as No. 1 2 & 3 - beginning with that of greatest power and following with No 2, or the engine known as the cutting engine, and next with No 3 - that of least power known as the Pining engine.

Engine No. 1, needs very extensive and general repairs, and to place it in an efficient condition, it will require a thorough and careful overhauling. The parts most needing repairs are as follows: First - the slide valves, and valve seats, or faces on the cylinder: these appear to be so much worn

as to allow a constant leak or blow through the valves of steam, causing much loss, not rapidly by their directly escaping through the exhaust opening but by counter pressure on the piston, and consequent tendency to partially neutralize the equilibrium in both ends of the cylinder, and by preventing the slide valves from cutting off the steam at the proper point and wasting the steam expensively. The piston of the engine are also in a leaky condition and the power of the engine is considerably depreciated by the fact that the whole steam pressure proper to be given by the slide valve cannot be made available on account of its escape through the piston into the other end of cylinder and passing itself through the exhaust, and at certain intervals of the stroke creating a tendency to equilibrium and counter pressure, requiring the engine to be depressed at certain periods of the revolution upon the accumulative capacity or power of the fly wheel and giving the engine a very irregular velocity. The governor does not appear to be sufficiently sensitive to control the velocity of the engine, this may be partially attributable to the

bad condition of the slide and throttle valves I would recommend that this engine be thoroughly overhauled at as early a period as practicable, and that the cylinder be reborred if found necessary, and that they be furnished with new pistons, and the slide valves and their seats on the cylinder be refaced. It will probably become necessary to have an entire new governor, of more modern, and approved construction than the one now in use to effectually control the velocity of the engine, and maintain a uniform motion under all conditions, and it is certainly desirable that all the rapid and various fluctuations in the power required, should be transmitted at a uniform rate of speed to fully accomplish which, will require an exceedingly sensitive governor, capable of a very rapid and nice adjustment of the throttle valve, or in other terms, an instantaneous enlargement or restriction of the steam opening with which it is connected. We can only fully ascertain what other repairs are needed by taking the engine down and making an examination of its parts in detail.

Engine No 2, or Cutting engine, needs some few repairs, but none of an apparently important character, and this may be stated as the case with No 3, or Coining Engine. In reference to the latter engine, I found upon entering upon my duties that the governor was totally unable to control the velocity, but this was at once adjusted without difficulty or expense, and the speed brought to uniformity under all conditions of work. I would respectfully recommend that a register, or counter, be attached to each engine, and that a separate account be kept of the number of revolutions made, and number of hours run during each day, so as to keep up a complete record and afford correct information of the operations of the several engines.

In making an examination of the boilers, fire fronts, steam pipes, &c, a very objectionable feature in the arrangement of the furnaces presents itself, namely the fire approaches too near the front, and there is an intense heat maintained in the fire doors and front, and a great amount of heat lost by radiation from the front of the boilers which could be

made available in generating steam, by placing the fire surface farther back under the boilers, and placing a dead plate, or blank plate, in front of grate bars, and lining the front more thickly with fire bricks.

The grate bars are 4 ft. there is a deadplate and it might be possible that the geometrical working of the boilers could not be interfered with, by reducing the length of bars to the extent necessary to allow the plate above referred to, to be placed immediately between the inside of fire front and the end of grate bars, which would make it unnecessary to remove the bridge walls. The boilers are in good general condition, although depreciated in strength, and their safety expected by long use.

All the steam pipes should be covered with hair felting, to prevent radiation; many of them are now entirely exposed. Those persons superintending the various processes requiring steam from the boilers, should be restricted in its use to the least quantity necessary, and I would suggest that as a matter of economy in fuel, it be an additional duty of some person

in the different departments, to see that the steam is promptly shut off. The evaporative capacity of the boilers will be ascertained by careful experiments.

In the matter of receiving coal and also in its consumption, there is a decided reform needed. I would suggest that the accounts, of both the receipt and consumption of coal be placed under the charge of the Chief Engineer, and that a report be made by him of both, monthly, or at shorter intervals if necessary, of the quantity received and amount consumed by engines, as also the amount consumed for other purposes, and taken from total amount received by Engineer: and all coal should not only be weighed upon its receipt, but, an account should be kept of all coal as it is used, and the different amounts should be charged to the several departments obtaining the same. This would complete the coal account, and would show for what purposes the coal received by the Chief Engineer is used. It would enable the Engineer to establish a system of economy in fuel, by fixing upon the lowest possible amount required to fire

the boilers with the (7) greatest economy, and to ascertain (with coal of ordinary quality) the best modes of firing, cleaning fires, &c adapted to the boilers now in use. It is unnecessary to dwell at greater length on this matter, as a single glance will disclose its importance.

I shall take the liberty of objecting to the further use of compounds to prevent scale or incrustation in the boilers, as their action, in probably every instance, is injurious to the iron of boilers, as it is also to the frees of the valves, and working steam surfaces of the engines. In the event of a heavy rain, the well in the cellar that receives the drainage from the roof fills so high with water that it runs into the boiler flues and prevents the necessary draught through the fires under boilers. A drain may probably be constructed that will carry off the water, below the flues, into the street sewer. This well is at present drained by a small pump, and in case of the inability of the pump to remove the water as fast as it accumulates, nearly the whole establishment, so far as it depends upon the running of the engines, must cease operations.

The most striking defect in the

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motive power, is the entire absence of any reserve power to meet even ordinary contingencies, or emergencies, quite within the range of possibility. There should be at least one engine and set of boilers always in reserve, of sufficient power to drive all the important machinery and to afford ample time to repair the balance and to insure the constant operation of the establishment and provide and guard against all probable emergencies.

In conclusion permit me to say that I will lose no opportunity to increase the effectiveness of the machinery under my charge, and to establish proper discipline, and to bring both to that state of efficiency that will be alike satisfactory to yourself, creditable to your administration, and to the government.

I have the honor respectfully
(Signed) Isaac S. Cassin
Chief Engineer

United State Mint
Philad^a June 4/69

(Copy (as first printed) Circular of

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Not Sent

June 10th 7.

F. E. Spinner Esq.
Treasurer U. States.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, enclosing a five cent coin, which on examination I find identical with the coining dies. It is badly struck, and, as I regret to say, not creditable to our coinage. A considerable amount of such coinage was I fear issued during last winter. On assuming the duties of this Office on April last, the most stringent regulations were put in force to secure the proper execution of the coinage, and a great improvement has been made.

The Devices of the five cent Nickel coins are as follows.

Obverse American Shield, surmounted by branches of olive, with the motto "In God we Trust" date 1866.

Reverse (as first issued) Circle of 13 stars

with rays intervening, surrounding the figure five — With the inscription "United States of America" & the word Cent.

Reverse (as now issued) is as above, except the rays between the stars are left out. This is the change which has been made in the die.

The devices of this coin are in my judgment, not well selected. Those on the reverse could be readily imitated, being of the simplest character. I may also add that the legend "United States of America" should be on the obverse instead of the reverse of the coin. The security against counterfeiting is the great difficulty of working Nickel alloy except by the best constructed, and thoroughly adjusted Machinery, driven by Steam power.

To meet the objections above referred to, in regard to the devices on the five cent coin, the Engraver is now preparing, under my direction, dies with new & different devices, which I hope shall be

be a decided improvement on artist's
sketch now those now used. We expect to
be able to have some specimens in the
about two days to be submitted to the
Secretary of the Treasury for his consid-
eration & approval. I shall send
you a few specimens of the proposed coin
at an early date.

Very Respectfully,

J. R. Snowden
Director.

P.S.

As soon as the proposed change
of device (on the five cent coin) is
acted upon by the Mint, we shall be
have a circular printed containing a description
of the design, and attached thereto the coin
to send as samples to letters of inquiry
similar to that addressed to you by the
Philadelphia Daily Containing inquiry
Stock price coined prior to April last.

June 10 7

Sir

Through some error your
Coin was forwarded on April
22 to the Nat. Bank Columbus
Ohio

I have instructed Adams Express Co to recover it and forward to your address immediately

Yours Resp
J. R. Lindemann
Director

To
Cashier
Nat Bk of Commerce
Columbus,
Ohio

Please report to me when you receive the Coin

L.

June 11th 1

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst, enclosing a five cent coin, which on examination I find identical with the coining dies: but is badly struck and it is, I regret to say, not creditable to our coinage. A considerable amount of such coinage was I fear issued during last autumn, and winter, (
-suming the duties of this office, in April last, the most stringent regulations were put in force to secure the proper execution of the coinage, and a great improvement has since been made therein the Devices, Legends & inscriptions being fully brought up.

The Devices of the five cent nickel coinage are as follows:

Obverse. American Shield, surmounted by branches of Olive, with the Motto "In God we Trust" and the year of Coinage.

Reverse. (As first issued) Circle of 13 Stars, with large wreath surrounding the figure five. Over the inscription "United States of America" and below "Cents".

Reverse (As now issued) Same as above, except that the rays between the stars are left out. This is the only change which has been made in the die.

The Devices of this Coin are in my judgment, not well selected. Those on the reverse could be readily imitated, being of the simplest character and easily produced.

Another objection is, that the Legend "United States of America" should be on the obverse instead of the reverse of the coin.

The Nickel-Copper Alloy can only be manufactured into coin by efficient and thoroughly adjusted machinery, driven by ample power. Counterfeiters cannot command such machinery, & this character of the Alloy, therefor, is a protection against counterfeiting.

To meet the objections above referred to, in regard to the Devices on the five cent coin, the Engraver is now preparing, under my direction, Dies with new & different devices, which I hope & believe, will be a decided improvement over those now issued. We expect to be able to have some specimens struck in about ten days, to be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his consideration & approval. I shall send you a few specimens of the proposed coin at an early date.

June 11 7

Sir: I have this day sent to your address, per "Adams Express Co," 90 Co. as follows

1	5 piece	5.00
2	1 "	2.00
		7.00
	Premium	2.60
	Change	.40
		10.00

as per request in yours of 2nd ult.

Very Respy
H Bowderman
Director

To
E Pabringer Esq
Waterloo
Seneca Co
N.Y.

uf

Very Respectfully
H Bowderman
Director

To
Hon E Pomeroy
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Returning a receipt with acknowledgment

June 11 [illegible]

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 8th inst.

I have to request that you will furnish me with the following information. About what time did you send the large die to the Mint? To whom were they addressed & by what conveyance sent?

There is no record of the dies having been received at the Mint, and the Engraver has no knowledge of them.

To
A C Brooks Esq
Balto
Md.

Very Respy
H B Lindenmuller
Director

June 12 /7

Sir

In reply to yours of 7th inst I would state that the Mint keeps a small number of the Bronze Medals on hand ready for delivery on application. An order for a large number can be filled in a short time. There is no discount on the published prices.

A Silver & Copper Proof Set for the present year can be had on payment of $2.00 in Coin.

There are no Proof sets of former years to be had.

Very Resp'y

H R Linderman

Director

To
R Wilder
Hoosick Falls
N.Y.

June 12 /7

Gent:

I am in receipt of your of 10th inst. The box containing the nickel cents was received this morning.

The 5¢ pieces will be shipped in a day or two.

The redemption of the Copper Cent ceased in 1864.

Very Resp'y

H R Linderman

Director

Smith Bro
13 & 15 Market St.
Poughkeepsie
N.Y.

June 12th

A. P. Hartley Esq
Asst Secy Treasury

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday I have to state that the report of the Engineer enclosed in my letter of 10th inst should have accompanied a communication addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 8th inst in which, referring to certain repairs previously authorized by the Secretary, authority was asked to put up certain new and additional machinery. The engineer's report was transmitted because part of it referred to the construction of an auxillary engine.

On the 22d April last the Secretary authorized me to have the necessary repairs made, and to suspend operations for repairs to the engines &c at such time as it could be done with the least inconvenience to the public. Since then the necessary repairs have been going on and we expect to be able to commence repairing the engines about the

15th

15th July. It is very difficult to estimate correctly the cost of repairs to machinery as its exact condition cannot be well determined until it is taken apart. I may also remark that much of the work pertaining to repairs is done by the machinists ordinarily employed at the Flint. I suppose that $15.000 will cover the repairs referred to in my letter of 8th inst, and report of Morgan, Orr & Co enclosed therein. The ordinary repairs are made from time to time at the discretion of the Director and the operative officers having charge of the respective departments. In the present instance the machinery &c had been so much neglected of late years as to necessitate rather extensive repairs and a suspension of operations for a few weeks. It was therefore deemed proper to advise the Department fully as to the condition of the machinery &c and obtain the sanction of the Secretary for the proposed repairs and necessary suspension of operations.

I have the honor to be &c

Your most obt Svt

H. R. Lindeman

Director

Hon Jas Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington

June 13 7

June 13 7

Sir:

Our Assayer has opened your box and examined the articles; and will shortly report to me in relation to the apparatus. I may in the meantime say, that he is favorably impressed, not only with the elegant workmanship, but with the apparent improvement upon former processes. It is suited to a much larger amount of work than we have had for a good while past; but if a pressure should come, it would probably be very welcome. I request you to wait for my next letter.

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman

Director

To

H. M. Raynor Esq

748 Broadway

New York

June 12 /7

Sir:

As per request, contained in yours of 11th inst. I have this day forwarded per Adams Express Co. to your address one pair of Dies for Peabody Institute

Peabody Institute Library
South Danvers Mass.

[illegible]
Director

June 13. 7.

B. F. Stevens Esq.
No. 12 Gramercy Park
New York.

Sir.

I have your letter of the 11th. inst.

We deem it advisable that you should come over to Philad.a in order that we may have some conversation respecting the Hill Engraving Machine, and as to the necessity of sending a man to London to learn the use of it. You may suit your own convenience as to the time of coming to the Mint, but hope you will be able to visit us within the next ten days.

Truly Yours.
J. R. Snowden
Director.

June 18. 7.

Messrs William Sellers & Co

Gentlemen

The interests of the public service requires that we should have one or two additional Machinists, particularly in the Press room. I will esteem it a favor if you will suggest the name of some one, whom you think likely to meet what we need.

Truly Yours,

H R Linderman

Director.

June 13. 7.

Messrs L & P. Morris Town N.J.,

Gentlemen,

The interests of the patent Arms require that we should have one or two additional Machinists, skilled in their business - particularly in the Press Room - in adjusting the dies in the Presses &c. I will collect a form if you will suggest the name of some one, whom you think will meet our wants.

Respectfully Yours.
H. R. Leidersmer
Director.

June 14

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst was received by E. W. Libbey Esq and by him handed to me, to be opened at the proper time, when action will be taken on it.

Very Resp.
H. Schuderman
Director

To
E. Robbins Esq
New York

June 14

Genl

I herewith enclose Bill of Lading for 149 Casks (containing Mint Sweepings) from the Branch at San Francisco Cal) Endorsed for delivery to you. Please have them stored preparatory to having samples drawn.

I have received bills for them to you & have prepared documents in duplicate, & have sent them to our Chicago House. For the amount will be honored on presentation.

Respectfully Yours
H. R. Linderman
Treasr

Mesrs E. A. & Co. Mar 70
No. 16 Trinity Building
N.Y.

June 14 7

Sir:

At the request of J. P. Longacre Esq, Engraver of the Mint, I transmit herewith a communication addressed to you by him, in relation to the use of Aluminium for Coinage purposes: also a few specimens struck in that metal from dies prepared by Mr Longacre.

In acceding to the request of the Engraver to have this subject brought to your attention, it is proper to remark that I differ with that Officer, in the views he expresses in relation to the intrinsic value of the material composing the lowest denominations of our coins. In my opinion, they need not carry much value intrinsically. They should be Tokens composed of respectable material, and of a character to prevent imitation by Counterfeiters: and they should be reducable in large sums, in current money, so as to prevent an excessive issue and give confidence.

It is proper to add the suggestion, that provision should be made by law for the redemption of the minor coinage, by directing the nett profit arising from the issue of such coins in U. S. Bonds to be reserved

served as a fund for that purpose.

While thus expressing some of my views in regard to Coins of the lower denominations, I deem it proper also to express my fear that the present issue of Aluminium Coin would be premature. that the preparation of this metal being of recent origin, it has been falling continually in price; that from the nature of the material used, and of the processes employed in making it, we have a right to infer there will be a reduction in price, and increased production at no distant day; and that we may perhaps await such further reduction and production, before attempting the issue of a national coinage based on uncertain supply and varying price.

It is but an act of justice to the Engraver to say that the Dies, from which the inclosed pieces were struck, are creditable to his skill and to American Art.

I am
Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

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Mint (Engravers) Department
Phila. June 12th 1867

Dear Sir.

I know not how far it may coincide with the present or future policy of the Government. but it has appeared to me as a desideratum, that the portion of the circulating medium designated as fractional currency should possess an intrinsic value in the material of which it is composed, which it has not now.

If this view should be entertained now, or hereafter, it is important to find or suggest a material that would meet the exigency. The use of aluminium for the purposes of coinage was suggested by its peculiar qualities as I became acquainted with them: especially when I ascertained that it was employed successfully in Paris for the purpose of striking medals.

The most formidable objection I have encountered to the use of this metal for such a purpose, is that being comparatively a

new metal, and as (2) yet known chiefly to men of science, it is difficult to assume a fixed value which must depend upon the expense of its reduction from its ores.

This objection is however more specious than real: its manufacture is already the subject of commercial competition in France and England, and the cost in large orders, has varied as little during the past five years as any other metal, the precious metals excepted.

The characteristics which claim a favorable consideration for this material for such a purpose, among others are these.

1. The facility and certainty with which it can be distinguished from all other metals in use or known; arising from its remarkable place among the specific properties of metals. Its extreme lightness, presenting a greater safeguard against adulteration, or spurious imitation, than even the opposite quality of gold, which may be regarded as occupying nearly the other end of the metallic gravities.

2. It is less liable to discoloration

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more atmospheric exposure than any other metal used as a circulating medium except gold.

3. It is malleable, and fusible at a moderate heat.

4. It's relative value - which would give for the value of five cents, intrinsically a piece of the size of the half Eagle; one of the most desirable sizes of coin for extensive circulation, for which there would be no danger of mistaking it, even in the dark, to say nothing of color.

These considerations have induced me to prepare for the purpose, from dies designed and engraved by myself, the accompanying specimens, corresponding in size with the coin above mentioned, in order to exhibit fully and fairly under the usual process for coining, the fitness of the metal for the requisite operations.

It is not my object to press these suggestions in the way of matters of more immediate importance - they are presented rather as a contribution to the public service, should any change of policy or necessity occur to indicate their relative importance to the future coinage.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Sec'y of Treasy

With the highest Respect I remain Your most obt Servt

Signed Dr James B Longacre

June 15 4

Dear Sir

I herewith return Orr for $200 received in yours of 12th inst.

Please make it payable to the order of Treasurer U.S. Mint and send it to him with your order. It will receive prompt attention.

Mr Pollock retired from the Directorship on the 1st of Oct last.

Very Respy
H. R. Lundemann
Director

To
Mess J. Milliken & Co
Dexter
Me

the report of the Chief Engineer, as relating to the qualification, reliability and integrity of the Engineer of Engine No 1 & 3 your attention shall oblige,

June 17. 7.

A. L. Snowden Esq.
Chief Engr.

Sir,

In the Report of the Engineer of 10th. inst reference is made to the want of qualification on the part of the Engineer having in charge respectively Engines No. 1 & 3, which are stated by him "to perform all the most important operations and processes comprehended within these requiring power" –

Assuming the duty of the Chief Engineer, to be the general supervision and direction of machinery pertaining to the running of the Engines during working hours, I have to request that you will inform me what duties the Asst. Engineer performs and why he is placed in charge of Engine No. 2, instead of an Engine of more importance.

I will also thank you to submit your views on that subject of

the report of the Chief Engineer, as relating to the qualification, reliability and integrity of the Engineer in charge of Engine No 103

Your early attention will oblige,

Yours
H. Robinson
Director.

Jamaica 7

Sir I am in reply to yours of 15th inst. I would state that on the Morell and Lawrence and the Chemical Engine I have a pump 3 & 5 cent piece it would take about 900 feet to weigh 10 cts

Yours Respy
H. Robinson
Treasurer

To
Cadwallader
Newport.

June 17 7

Sir

In reply to yours of 15th inst, I would state that as the Nickel cent are purchased and the nominal value paid for them, in 3 & 5 cent pieces, it would take about 980 pieces to weigh 10 lbs.

Very Respy
A Boudinot
Director

To
Cashr
4th Nat'l BK
New York.

June 17 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your of 15th inst.

The present issue of 5¢ pieces has for a Reverse Circle of 13 Stars, surrounding figure 5. omitting the rays between the stars. This omission took effect in February last by order of Secy of Treasury.

In reference to cent of 1857 & 8, I enclose you a circular giving you all the information.

Very Respy
A Boudinot
Director

To
E N Chapin Esq
Wattsburg
Pa

7478

June 17

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 14th inst. Please forward the certificate covering your subscription desired.

Very truly

H R Ludeman

Director

To

Cashier

Farmers Bank

Detroit

Mich.

June 17

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 15th inst. The 55 shares without the certification time [illegible] Company of the Mint [illegible] the bar [illegible] in February last [illegible] the very [illegible]

Very truly

H R Ludeman

Director

June 17 7

I am in receipt of your
of 14th inst.
The cpld of 10 lbs of Nickel cents will be about
$9.80.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dro Clk

Levi Nelty
Lyrville
Levis Co
N.Y.

June 18 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your of 15th inst.

I enclose a list giving you about the yield of Foreign Coin, & the price paid for Silver.

The only Coins you can obtain except as proceeds of deposit, are Proof Coins, which can be had upon the payment of $200 in Coin for one set of Silver & Copper, and $43 in Gold for one set of Gold.

To
A. O. Slaughter
Chicago

Very Respy
[illegible]
Director

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June 18th 1

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst in which you state that my letter of the 8th inst has been referred to the First Comptroller for his opinion as to the fund from which payment for the new and additional machinery asked for, can be properly made.'

It is proper for me to state that it has been the practise heretofore at this institution to pay all expenses of the minor coinage, including new apparatus, implements &c, required for the same, out of the gross profits arising from the issue of such coin; and repairs of machinery to have been made out of the same fund.

If, however, the Department should decide that payment for new and additional machinery cannot properly be made from

from the cent-coinage fund, we shall have to seek available means in another direction.

An examination of our ordinary-fund, shews that there will be to the credit thereof, at the close of the current fiscal year, (30th inst) a balance sufficient to meet the expenses of the machinery asked for — except an auxillary engine — and I respectfully suggest that this balance is available for the payment of the expenses referred to, in case it is decided that the same cannot properly be made out of the Cent-coinage Fund.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Most obt Sot
H. R. Linderman
Director

June 18 7

Sir:

For sometime past we have been in receipt of letters from persons residing in different parts of the Country respecting the two varieties of the five cent Nickel Coin in circulation. The coin as first issued contained rays between the stars on the reverse. Subsequently in February last & March, the rays were omitted and the Coin issued without them. This alteration led many persons to believe the one variety or the other to be counterfeit. With a view to do away with this embarrassment, as well as to improve the artistic appearance of the Coin, I instructed the Engraver to prepare Dies with entirely new devices. These Dies are now completed, and I send you herewith the first specimen struck from them. (in Copper.) The obverse contains an allegorical Head of Liberty, surrounded by the Legend "United States of America" with the year of Coinage underneath. The Reverse has the inscription 5 Cents surrounded by branches of Olive indicative of the peaceful condition of our Country and above the motto "In God we Trust." In a few days we will

June 19th 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose Requisition of Geo W Lane Esq. Supt. Branch Mint at Denver, for Nine thousand two hundred & fifty dollars ($9,250.) with my approval.

I have to request that you will give it your early attention.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. B. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

June 19 7

Sir,

The specimen you sent was an ordinary mineral of no value or interest whatever. But if you insist on having a chemical analysis, it will be necessary to send the usual Mint charge, which is five dollars.

Yours &c
H. R. Linderman
Director

Mr E. B. Meyers
Hanover, York

June 20 7

Sir

I have this day received per Express a bill of exchange which shall be duly noted and the proceeds deposited with the Assistant Treasurer according to your Circular Transfer account & advice you will of the same

Very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
H Lindenmann
Consul

Hon F E Spinner
Treasurer U S
Washington
D C

June 20 7

Sir:

Pursuant to [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] I have examined the [illegible] of [illegible] yesterday 19th inst of the [illegible] and money on hand in the [illegible] Asst Treasurer of the [illegible] and found a balance of $1,047,024.27 which can [illegible] with his statement of account [illegible] day.

In the [illegible] the following coin and [illegible] viz

Certificates of Temporary Loan $14,501.23

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H R [illegible]
Director

June 20 7

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 19th inst enclosing a letter from 1st Nat Bk of Crawfordsville reporting a deficiency of 4 lbs in a shipment of small coin.

I have to state in reply that it is impossible for an error of this kind to occur in the count made at the Mint.

The Counters first use the Counting board, which would at once expose a vacant space, and their count is then verified by weight on delivery to the Treasurer.

The probabilities are, that the bags must have been tampered with, while in transit.

To
Cashr 9th Nat Bk
New York

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

I return you the letter of B Coasson Cash.

June 20th 1

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 10th inst enclosing requisition for $9.250.

I have forwarded the same, with my approval, to the Department, with the request that it receive early attention.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Geo W Lane Esq
Supt
U S Br Mint
Denver
Col

June 20 7

Sir:

At the usual monthly count and examination made before business hours this day, the following balances were found in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint viz.

Gold	433.842.00
Silver	42.685.01
Ordinary do/c	56.462.45
Copper	346.308.88
Br Mint, San Francisco	7.503.93
" " Denver	898.75
	$887.701.02

Corresponding with the balance sheet rendered at the close of business yesterday

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

June 20 7

Sir

June 20 7

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 19th inst. received at once with the work and in reply would state that deposits are usually paid on the third day after receipt.

The charge for carriage is 1/2 of one per cent, and 1/2 of one per cent U S tax

The Mint does not receive or pay on ~~[illegible]~~ of deposits.

Please find enclosed a circular giving you other necessary information

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Lucius Barbour Esq
Hartford
Conn

June 20 7

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th inst in reference to Engraving a Seal for the "Freedmen's Bureau" has been received, and the drawing &c. placed in the hands of Mr Barber, Ass't Engraver, with instructions to proceed at once with the work and finish it as soon as practicable. Mr Barber is of opinion that it will require about four weeks. He will devote his entire attention to the work until completed

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman

Director

To

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Sec'y of Treasy

Washington

D. C.

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labor, apparatus &c, employed in the manufacture of the Minor Coinage.

Sir:

June 20 [illegible]

I have received your letter of 19th inst.

Prior to the act of February 21st 1857, the profit of the cent (copper) coinage were available by law for the contingent expenses of the Mint. Section 2, of the act referred to, provides among other things that the expenses incident to the re-coinage of the pieces known as the 1/4 1/8 & 1/16, of the Spanish pillar dollar, should be charged against the account of Silver Profit & Loss, and the net profits, if any, be paid into the Treasury of the U. S. Section 3 of the same act provides that the net profits of the cent coinage, ascertained in like manner as prescribed in Section 2, shall be transferred to the Treasury of the U. S. The subsequent act authorizing the coinage of 1 & 2 cts bronze and 3 & 5 cent Nickel-Copper Coins, extended to the coinage thereof, the provisions of the Act of Feby 21st 1857.

The term "Expenses incident to each re-coinage" (and coinage of cent) has hitherto been construed to embrace the Materials, labor

labor, apparatus &c, employed in the manufacture of the Minor Coinage.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon. J. Hartley
Asst Sec of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

It is proper to say that the Cent Coinage fund pays no part of the salaries of Officers & Clerks or ordinary expenses of the Mint. Such expenses are paid out of the regular appropriations, but those incident to the manufacture of Minor Coins, are paid out of the profit accruing therefrom. The ordinary appropriations for the support of the Mint would meet but a small portion of the wear and tear incident to the large amount of Minor Coins the Mint is called on to prepare.

June 21 7

Sir: I am in receipt of your of 19th inst.

I would state in reply that the Mint does not redeem the Copper Cents.

I enclose a circular in reference to the [illegible] of the Nickel Cent.

To
Mes W & A Allen & Co
Norfolk
Va.

Very Resp
H Blunderman
Director

June 21 7

Sir: I enclose a circular giving ~~you~~ the information desired in yours of 13th inst.

To
Jacob P Watson
Galveston
Texa.

Very Resp
H Blunderman
Director

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June 21

Sir:

The enclosed 5¢ piece received in yours of 19th inst. is genuine.

I enclose a copy of the regulations for the distribution of the small coins.

To
Jno H Moore Esq
Cape Vincent
Jefferson Co
N.Y.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

No. 7.

June 21 7

Sir:

I am this day in receipt of a package from you containing $9.00 in Silver.

I have this day forwarded to your address 3 Proof Sets for this year.

Per Adam Express.

To

Chas Gorton Esq Treas Reading

Preat. H R Lindsman

R. I. N. S.

Director

Providence

R.I.

Chicago, June 21. 7.

A. L. Snowden Esq.
Chief Coiner
Dear Sir,

I called your attention this morning to the excessive variation in the weight of the two coil pieces. This is a very serious matter and demands our immediate and careful examination into the manipulations pertaining to coinage & particularly in the Rolling Room. I fear there is incorrectness or want of proper care in that room. Allow me to request that you will give the subject immediate attention. Please report the names of those engaged in the different operations in the Rolling Room, who are not Machinists by trade & and your opinion as to the propriety of having such manipulations performed by persons who are not Mechanics. Your views in relation to appointing Mr Garrett as General Foreman of the Rolling Room expressed to me today

Will, if convenient to you, meeting please immediate consideration.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Lundeen
Sheriff

June 22 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 21st inst.

Please find enclosed a circular giving you information in reference to the purchase of Nickle Cent.

Very Resp
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
C. A. Hall Esq
Milford
Conn

June 22 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 20th inst.

There is no provision made in the law for the redemption of 1. 2. & 3¢ piece

The Mint is purchasing the Nickle Cents as per enclosed circular

Very Resp
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
New Haven
Baking Co
New Haven
Conn

July 22 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 20th inst.

The package of gold was received at the Mint this day

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman

Director

To
Guilford Copper & Gold Mining Co
Balto. Md.

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June 24. 7.

J. B. Longacre Esq.
Engraver,
Dear Sir,
You
will please forward as
soon as convenient two hundred
specimens of the aluminium
ephemerides five cent coin,
for distribution under the
Regulations recently
prescribed for distribution
of medals. &c
Very Respectfully
H R Linderman
Director,

June 24 7

Gent

Your debit was received on 19th inst. The proceeds was shipped to your address on the 21st inst. per Adams Express Co

Respectfully Yours
Spencer & Bro H R Lindeman
Director
per A Hacker Jr
Director Clerk

June 25 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 24th inst.

In reply I would state that the deposit in question was returned to the Express Co some days since.

It is too small to be received at the Mint.

Very Resp.
H. Lindenmuth
Director

D. C. Dusenbury
Middletown
N.Y.

June 25

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 24th inst with enclosure.

I send you herewith one set of Proof Coin (Silver & Copper) for the present year as per request.

To
Jas A Reading Esq Recy
Treas Department Dept H B Linderman
U S Treasy Director
W.C.

N.Y.

June 25

Sir:

Your letter enclosing mineral specimen has been received.

The specimen is Mica, very common, and of no value.

Very Respy

A R Lindenmuth
Director

To
E R Varetino
Ontnerville
Bucks Co
Pa

June 25 '7

Sir,

Please find enclosed a circular giving the information desired in your of 22nd inst.

Yours Very Truly

H. L. Sanderman

Director

To

Cashier

National Sandwich Bank

Sandwich

June 25 /

Gent:

I am in receipt of yours of 20th inst.

The order for $200 Small Coin was received from the "City Natl Bank" of this city, with instruction to forward the same to John Colhoun & Co. St Joseph. Mo.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Directo

To
Mess Jno Colhoun & Co
St Joseph
Mo

June 26.

J. B. Longacre Esq.
Engraver,
Dear Sir,

On your recommendation I have selected Mr. Geo. Soley at present employed in your Department, as a suitable person to proceed to London, to see the Mint Engraving Machine put up, &c. &c. &c. and become acquainted with its operation & management. He will be allowed his present compensation and necessary expenses, & will perform the accompanying duties, on his return to England, &c.

Mr. Eckfeldt & Du Bois, prepare the necessary instructions for Mr. Soley.

Lambert Rhett Pally,
H. R. Linderman
Director

June 26 1861

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 20th inst.

You can obtain fractional currency by addressing a communication to Hon. F. E. Spinner, Treasurer U. S. Washington D. C. and enclosing the amount you desire.

Very Resp.
H. Bluedorn
Director

To
Louis Rice Esq.
Cuttenberg
Iowa

June 26 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 24th inst, also two boxes per Express containing Nickel Cents.

The proceeds will be shipped you in 5 & 10s in a few days.

To
Tanner Hall & Co
Catskill
N.Y.

Yours Respy
H R Lindermen
Director
per A Thacher
Director Clerk

June 27 74

I have received your letter of 21st with enclosing bill of lading for one box Orange Bitts of your branch for the month of April 1874.

The box was received at the Point Christopher in good order.

Yours Very truly

J. O. H. Lowe Esq

H B Lundeman
Director

Care Point
San Francisco
Calif

June 27 7

Sir,

I have in consequence with the Engraver Cropper, and Cox Cropper of the Mint, selected your Son as one so qualified to be useful in the operation and safe packing for shipment, for the use of the Mint, of a medical machine, invented by Colwell of London, for multiplying reduced copies of Bas-reliefs for medals and Coin dies, seals &c in steel, gold, silver, ivory and other materials, and either in relief or intaglio.

You are expected to collaborate with Mr Cropper, & Mr Cox, & will be under their direction, & to report to them, & to me, the progress & result of your proceedings in accordance with the rules & regulations of the Mint. I have no doubt you will comprehend thoroughly the adaptation of the machine in question to our purposes.

You will examine with care not only

only the general operation of the machine as you will find it worse, but also make you acquainted with the different parts and their relative importance to the general result: so as to be able if need be, not only to pull the machine to pieces, but to know what to be brought out, but also to see in or restore any portion which may be injured or lost in the transit.

You will receive the letter upon (the Co-operation station) you will there find a gentleman ready to put of operations in order.

You will see our application of the motive power, and the direct benefit to come from the application of steam power and contemplated in our operation. How far it will be advantageous &c.

You will give the same attention to the machine which accompanies it, and to make yourself &c.

Having our necessary detailed London, you will see whether it by mail or any matter in relation to the

-ines or affecting the probable operations of the Machine.

Your present pay as an Employee of the Mint will be allowed during your absence in necessary expenses and your passage going and returning.

As this mission also concerns the interests of the Machine, it is of course that you should be absent no longer than is necessary to the fulfilment of your specific duty. Of course there could be no objection to your stopping a few days in other ways, the traveling expenses thereon must be charged to your account. The sea voyage will probably take 24 days or less, and it is hoped that two weeks in Colombia would be sufficient: on the whole I consider six weeks a sufficient allowance for the entire absence, unless some positive necessity should call for a longer time.

I am Very Respt.
H R Linderman
Director.

To
Geo I Poley Esq
U S Mint

June 27 7

Gent:

Please find enclosed 1 ft. Jay Cooke & Co's 22 on J. E. & C. N. Y. for Eight hundred & fifty eight dolls (858) in payment of bill of crucible June 5 by received this day.

Awaiting an acknowledgement I am

Very Respy

H. R. Lindemann

To

Mess Jos Dixon & Co

Jersey City

N. J.

June 27. 7.

A. Louden Snowden Esq.
Chief Coiner.

Sir,

Your communication of this date recommending the adjustment of the half dollar by ~~[illegible]~~ hand, has been received. Your recommendation is approved & you will, unless otherwise instructed, cause the half dollar planchets to be adjusted by hand.

I am very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

H. R. Linderman

June 28 -

Gen'l

There will be received until Noon 10th day of July 1866 sealed bids to the undersigned at this Office for the purchase of 1414 oz. Gold Dust, upon the terms stated in the Advertisement of the Supt. New York City.

I enclose you a copy of the statement as received from the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cal.

Bidders will state the price offered payable in Gold Coin

Very Respy

A. C. Lindeman

Director

Mess Falbach Dieffenbach & Co

Newark

N. J.

June 28 /7

Sir: Bids will be received until the 10th day of July 1867, addressed to the undersigned at Philadelphia for the purchase of 149 Casks Mint Sweeps now in Store at Lawrence & Co's Store New York City.

I enclose you a copy of the Statement as received from the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cal.

All Bidders will state the price offered payable in Gold Coin

J. B. Darling Supt
& Worcester Agt
Providence
R. I.

Geo. Resey
H. R. Linderman
Director

June 28 7

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Bidders will state the price offered payable in Gold Coin

To
R Longman's Sons
75 Nassau St
New York

Very Respy
H L Linderman
Director

June 28th

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir:-

I have recently caused a careful examination to be made by single pieces, of the actual weights of such of our coins as are not pre-adjusted by stand, namely all except the gold and silver dollars. It is satisfactory to find that the silver pieces, from the half dollar to the three-cent show a sufficient and creditable conformity to the standards and allowances exacted by law. This is due to the final touch of the "draw-bench" which, I take for granted is saying is an invention of a chief coiner of this mint of olden-time, - (Adam Eckfeldt,) and it was afterwards introduced into the Royal Mint at London, as I am informed.

But in the adjustment of the inferior alloys, nickel and bronze, the use of the draw-bench is impracticable, more than that, the requisite rapidity of such a image, ought not to be delayed

they keep pieces. In conformity with this view, all the lower coins, except the five cent, have by law an allowance for deviation sufficiently liberal to protect the operative officer. In the case of that one coin, the idea of the committee of Congress was to make it serve the additional purpose of a five-grammes weight; with reference to a probable international postage-law. The limit was therefore made very close; too close for a coin of that sort, and yet too large for an accurate weight. I find that the limit has been exceeded in a few cases and I do not see how it could have been otherwise, on considering the very careful report thereon, made to me, only three days since by the Chief-coiner, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

I therefore request that on a fit occasion you will recommend to the committee on coinage to prepare a supplement to the five-cent law altering the limit from two to four grains. This scope will rarely be taken, but in a few cases it may, and I think we ought to have it. An equal range is allowed to the one, two, and three cent pieces.

I have the honor to be
Your most obt servt
A. R. Linderman
Director

(Copy)

Extracts from a letter addressed by A Louis Snowden Esq Chief Coiner to Dr N R Lindeman, Director U S Mint.

Chief Coiners Dept
U S Mint
June 24th 1867

Dr N R Lindeman
Director U S Mint
Sir:

Yours of the 21st inst directing my attention to the variation in weight of the two cent piece &c &c was received, and in reply, I have the honor to say, that I have given the whole subject, the careful and conscientious attention that its nature and importance demand.

I am convinced that in the strange change, to variation from the legal allowance due by law, that they would form

no calculable percentage of the coinage, and those pieces that may be found after diligent search, are I am morally certain, a part of the coinage, from blanks purchased by the late Director from Holmes, Booth & Hayden of Waterbury Conn.

The grounds for my belief rest upon the fact, that during the official term of my predecessor blanks from the same firm were known to vary from one (1) to five (5) grains from the legal allowance. These facts I was not in possession of, when the last blanks were ordered, or I should have taken such measures as I deemed necessary, to ascertain whether they run within the legal allowance, and had they exhibited the variation of former blanks, I should have declined to coin them, unless under protest.

The precautions taken in the Rolling and Cutting in this Department, are such as to insure (except mere odd pieces) as perfect a uniformity in the weight of the coin as can be attained by our machinery in view of the amount coined. When planchets are purchased,

instead of being manufactured by the Mint, (as they always should be) the Chief Coiner is deprived of almost the only practical means of preserving accuracy of weight, viz. by graduating the draft upon the strips, as they pass for the last time through the finishing rolls. This last process would not secure that perfect accuracy demanded by the Gold and Silver Coinage, but we are enabled with the exercise of proper care, to confine the weight within the legal limits.

The variation of one (1) or two (2) grains in the weight of the bronze coinage, has never been considered of sufficient moment, as to justify the time of the Chief Coiner, and employed in manufacturing the precious metals, so with the present facilities afforded to this Department, I very much doubt the practicability of passing even the Bronze Coinage (not to mention the Copper-Nickel Coinage) through the drawbench, if it were ever so desirable so to do.

The foreman of the cutting room is a careful and attentive man, and uses all the care that seems to be required to attain satisfactory results. From both ends of about

twelve (12) strips in every meet, he cuts planchets which are carefully weighed, and the "finishing rolls" so adjusted, that it seems impossible that any error should take place in regard to the weight. Especially is this true with regard to the Bronze Coinage, now under consideration, which has, as you know, an allowance of four (4) grains.

I am not informed as to the care taken by the Connecticut Firm, but I know that blanks have been purchased by the former Director, and given to the Department for Coinage, that widely varied from the legal allowance. How or any of these bronze planchets supplied by them during the present year, were of this character, I have no means of judging.

The difficulties that we have to contend with in this Department, are almost exclusively confined to the Nickel-Copper Coinage. No mint in the whole range of the world's Coinage, presents so many serious embarrassments as Mint's.

Every day almost it takes upon itself some new phase of resistance to manipulation

At one time it appears as not having been thoroughly melted, next as being burnt. At other times, as not having been thoroughly wiped, as having been poured too cold or too hot, as having been hardened by contact with sulphur and oxygen &c.

Under the rolls at times so hard, as to make six hundred and five hard tower engine labor and thump as if we were rolling cast steel, - plowing deep furrows in the rolls, overheating them and the housings, and at times freezing the Babbitt metal in the boxes, and (as usually) breaking a heavy cast iron roll, as if it was a pipe stem. Sometimes for a day or two, quite tolerably well, and then again, without any apparent cause, splitting up into small strips, and rolling up into ribbons, - at times destroying twelve inches in an hour, then should be injured in a day.

The same inaccountable variations, and difficulties occur in the Annealing and Cleaning. In the Press Room, with the same constant vigilance, care and skill, the difficulties in its courage are continued, and the destruction

of dies and machinery very great.

Upon this refractory and almost unmanageable metal, the Mint has been for the last six months, driving workmen and machinery to their utmost endurance. The workmen are becoming exhausted, and the machinery is running down. No machinery is so powerful, as to resist without injury, the constant strain that has been upon ours, and no men can be found whose care and watchfulness will not be affected, by months of day and night labor.

And yet with all these disadvantages, and obstacles, I am, under the law, expected to prepare and deliver over to the Treasurer the Five Cent Nickel Coin, with no greater variation than two (2) grains. That they are so with very rare exceptions, exhibits the great care, watchfulness, and skill of those immediately intrusted with the Coinage. That they cannot be <u>strictly kept</u> within the limits with our present machinery, and amount of Coinage required, I am positively certain.

The allowance on the twelve (12) per cent

cent nickel was four (4) grains, upon the bronze cent and two (2) cent piece, four (4) grains and yet upon the five cent piece, which has twenty five (25) per cent of nickel, and which is by far the most difficult coinage ever issued by the Government, the allowance is, as before said, but two grains. That this allowance is impractically, and unreasonably small, will be apparent to any one familiar with Nickel Coinage.

If it were practicable, or even possible, to use the drawbench upon the coinage, more satisfactory result could be obtained, but, experience has taught us, that this is impossible. It was tried for some time upon the twelve (12) per cent nickel cent, but the resistance of the metal was so great, that it had to be abandoned.

If this was the result with twelve (12) per cent nickel, what could we hope from the five cent coin, which contains more than double that amount? No jaws could be made that would be powerful enough to hold the strip, and the wear, tear

and labor, in this process would be (even if successful) so great that not one half our present coinage could be obtained.

I have deemed it my duty, to present all these facts to your attention, that you might see the reasons upon which I base the conclusion, that it is practically impossible to coin with our present machinery, the five cent piece, and confine the weight unvaryingly to the legal limit.

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In view of all the difficulties connected with this coinage, I would respectfully recommend that the present allowance be increased, by Act of Congress, to four (4) or five (5) grains.

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In conclusion I beg the privilege of saying, that I am in general, satisfied as to the intelligence, skill, and faithfulness, of those engaged in this Department.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respy. Yr. ob't Svt
Signed A. Loudon Snowden
Chief Coiner

June 29 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 27th inst.

I would state in reply that there will be a specimen 5¢ piece in Aluminum struck in a few days, which is probably the piece you have reference to.

You can obtain one on application, when ready.

I enclose you a Circular just issued, in reference to the Medal Dept.

Very Resply
H. R. Linderman
Director

Geo M Payser
Assessors office 15th Wd
Troy. N.Y.

There are a few sets of 1867 on hand.

July 2 7

June 29 7

Sir:

The specimen received from you - Iron Pyrite - very common and of no value.

Very Respy
W. L. Underwood
Director

To
Wm Dorge
Woodstock
Shenandoah Co
Va.

July 2 7

Sir

In reply to yours of the 1st inst. I would state that the die of Lincoln you refer to is one owned by a private citizen and could be used only with his consent.

Very Resp
Yours
Director

To
J. P. Batchie Esq
Boston
Mass.

per Thacher
Director Clk.

The above will refer to the die of Grant also.

July 3 7

Gent:

You will oblige us to deliver the following quantities of Ice per day, to the Mint.

Office	80 lbs
Engravers Dept	50 "
Chief Coiner "	200 "
Melter & Refiner "	100 "
Night Watchmen	40 "
Total.	530

Yours

Respectfully

Henry Reeder
A Thacher
Director Mint

July 3 7

Sir

I send you this day per Adams Express Co. Two Proof Sets 1867 as per request contained in yours of 2d inst.

There are no sets of 1866 to be had.

Very Resp.

H R Linderman
Director

To
J N Lloyd
U S Assay Office
New York

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
H. Chandler
Chief of Ordnance
Washington
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington

July 3 7

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst. in which you state that my letter of the 8th had been referred to the First Comptroller for his opinion as to the fund from which payment for the purchase of the new and additional machinery asked for by me, could properly be made, I have now to report that it will be necessary to suspend operations in a few days, for the purpose of repairing machinery, furnaces &c.

Before commencing these repairs I would be much gratified to receive your decision on the subject of the new and additional machinery requested in my letter of 8th ult.

The rolls now in use will have to be replaced by a new set, to be imported from Krupps Steel Works in Germany. Until the same are received, cast iron rolls, which are very unreliable, will have to be used. The report of the Chief Miner, enclosed herewith, exhibits the very unsatisfactory condition of the rolls now in use.

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
A Boudinot
Director

The practice of weighing the Coins taken out for the Annual Assay, is not in the spirit of the law, and amounts in fact, to a selection, which renders the trial by the Commissioners a mere ceremony or farce. The Coiner and Treasurer ought to satisfy themselves that the lot of Coins is ready for delivery, before the pieces are taken out. The instructions on this subject, see pr. to page 12. "General Instructions &c" Mint pamphlet are therefor altered, so as to read as follows:

6. The adjustment of weights of single pieces of gold and silver Coin, must be so performed as to satisfy the Coiner that they are within the legal limit, and when a delivery of Coins is made by that officer to the Treasurer, the latter may first examine a number of single pieces, to form an idea of the whole working. But there is to be no selection of pieces for the trial of the Annual Assay

nor a weighing of them by the Assayer

July 3 7

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nor a weighing of them by the Assayer.

Very Respy.
A Boudinot
Director

To
A L Snowden Esq
Chief Coiner

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assay, nor a weighing of them by the Assayer

July 2 1877

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Assay, nor a weighing of them by the Assayer

To
C. McRobbin Esq
Treas U S Mint

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

Sir: July 9 7

The practice of weighing the Coins taken out for the annual Assay, is not in the spirit of the law, and amounts in fact to a selection, which renders the trial by the Commissioners a mere Ceremony or farce. The Coiner and Treasurer ought to satisfy themselves that the lot of Coins is ready for delivery, before the pieces are taken out. The instructions on this subject, See pr 6. page 12. "General instructions &c" Mint pamphlet - are therefor altered so as to read as follows:

6. The adjustment of weight of single pieces, of gold and Silver Coins, must be so performed as to satisfy the Coiner that they are within the legal limits, and when a delivery of Coins is made by that Officer to the Treasurer, the latter may first examine a number of single pieces, to form an idea of the whole working. But there is to be no selection of pieces for the trial of the Annual Assay

nor a weighing of them by the Assayer

To
J R Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer
U S Mint

Very Respy
N B Lindenman
Director

To yours of 1st inst
I would state that the small Ains
ordered by you were delivered to the
West Jersey Express Co on the 17th inst.
You will probably find them at
their office upon inquiry

To
Nat Bks of Salem
Salem
N J

Very Respy
N B Lindenman
Director

July 5 74

Sir.

In reply to yours of 1st inst I would state that the small Cans ordered by you were delivered to the West Jersey Express Co on the 19th ult. You will probably find them at their office upon inquiry

Very Resp'y
H. Lindemann
Director

To
Nat Bk of Salem
Salem
N.J.

Very Resp'y
H. Lindemann
Director

July 5 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 3d inst.

I would state in reply that the nominal value of one pound of nickel. Copper Cents is 95 cents. The proceeds of 12 lbs, rec'd from you was $11.76 which amount was shipped you per Express.

The freight is paid only on amounts of $30 & upward in 3d price and $50 & upward in 5th price as will be seen by reference to the enclosed circular.

Very Respy
H B Lundermann
Director

To
C J Hall Esq
Milford
Del.

July 5 '[illegible]

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours enclosing one voucher for one hundred & fifty silver Medals. As the Rules require the vouchers in duplicate I herewith enclose you a second one which you will please sign and return to me by first mail.

Yours Truly

H. B. Lindsman

Secretary

To

Harrison Cafe Esq

Pay School Committee

City Hall

Boston

Mass

Mint of the United States Philad.a July 5. 1867

Dear Sir

The dies for the Yale College Medal are not in condition to make a good or creditable medal from. The reverse (or wreath) die especially, is so badly and irreparably broken, that the impression is necessarily disfigured — This die should be re-engraved before attempting to strike another medal —

In our efforts to save what remained of the die, it has been requisite to make the pieces struck, considerably heavier than the directions authorized — but in no other way could the impression have been brought up, without risking the entire destruction of the die.

Yours &c

W. R. Lindeman Esq.
Director

Thos. B. Longacre
Engraver

July 5 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your of 28th ult.

I have had three gold medals struck from the die of Yale College, but they had to be made heavier than your order. The amount of gold in each is about $15.

I enclose the Engravers report on the subject.

If you desire the three that have been struck please advise me.

Very Respy

W R Lindeman

To
H C Kingsley
Treasr
Yale College
New Haven Conn.

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July 6th 77.

Hon F. E. Spinner.
Treasurer U. States.

Sir

We expect to suspend coinage operations in a few days for necessary repairs of Engines, Machinery &c. Will you please inform me by return mail what the requirements of your Office for 1, 2, 3 & 5 cent pieces (Bronze & Nickel pieces) are likely to be for a month or six weeks to come, in order that we may prepare the same.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

To Hon Treasurer U. States
New York

July 6th 7.

Sir.

We expect to commence making, in a few days, some repairs to our machinery the which will interrupt our coining operations for say thirty days. If during that time you are likely to require any addition to your stock of small coins for change, I will thank you to so inform me in order that we may provide for the same.

Very Respectfully,
H. R. Linderman
Director

To Ass't Treasurer U. States,
New York

July 6th

Sir

I beg to ask your attention to my letter of the 18th of May last in relation to the bids received from Mess Wells Fargo & Co. and the U. S. Express Co. for transporting U. S. Bullion from Denver, Colorado Territory, to the Mint at Philadelphia.

The regulations for the issue, by the Denver Branch Mint, of Coin drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at New York, for the net value of gold Bullion, deposited at the Br Mint, were approved by you on the 28th of February 1866, but were not then carried into effect, on account of the inability of the (then) Director, Mr Pollock, to obtain a satisfactory offer from a responsible Express Co. for transporting the bullion. The offers made in May last, by Wells Fargo & Co, and by the U. S. Express Co, were very favorable, compared with prior offers, and one or the other would have been accepted had not the Agent of the Adams Express Co. raised the point that these bids interfered with the rights of said Company under its Contract with the Treasury Department for transporting Bullion &c.

I have since seen a copy of said Contract, and am of the opinion that its provisions will not be interfered with by our acceptance of either of the bids referred to. Should you concur in this view we can accept the most satisfactory offer and carry the regulations of July 20th 1866 into effect. Very Respy

Your obt Servt

H. R. Linderman

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Director

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Your obt Servt

H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th ult. relative to the proposals received by the Treasury Department for the transportation of bullion from Denver to Philadelphia, and beg leave to remark that it is desirable, for several reasons, that the regulations on this subject approved by you on the 20th July 1866, should be put in operation soon. I may add that if done before Mr Curtis returns to Colorado, many details in reference to the form of account, issue of drafts &c, could be advantageously explained to him.

I am Very Respy

Your obt Servt

H. R. Linderman

Director

To

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington D.C.

July 8th 7

Sir:

I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr R. Curtis, Pay Clerk of U S Branch Mint, Denver, who is on a temporary visit to the East.

Referring to my letters of 18th May last, and 6th inst, respecting Bids of Express Companies, for transporting bullion from Denver to Philad.a I beg leave to remark, that it is desirable, for several reasons, that the Regulations on this subject approved by you on 28th Feby 1866, should be put in operation soon: I may add that if done before Mr Curtis returns to Colorado, many details in reference to the form of account, issue of draft, &c, could be advantageously explained to him.

I am Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H R Linderman
Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch.
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington D.C.

July 8 7

I am in receipt of yours of 1st inst.

Upon inquiry I find that the Express Co, by some error, had sent your Coins to the National Bank at Salem N. J. on the 14th of June.

I have ordered them returned and will ship to you immediately on receipt.

Very Respy

H B Lindenmuth

To
National Bank
of Salem
N. J.

July 8. 7.

Mrs. J. A. Evans
Shakopee
Scott Co. Minn.

I have yours of 1st. instant, and regret to learn that your health continues delicate. Under the certificate of Dr Hall, I cheerfully extend your leave of absence, on half pay, to September 1st. At the termination of this extension, your half pay allowance will cease, but if you choose to remain longer in the east you may do so and your position will be kept open for you. You will understand that whatever time you are absent after September 1st you will not receive pay for the same. I send you draft for $143.75 June 29th 1866.

Very Respectfully
J. B. Sanderson
Surgeon

July 9th 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your favor of 8th inst enclosing check on Asst Treasr for $2.000, amount of your order for Five Cent Coins.

The Coins will be forwarded per Adams Express C. this day.

Very Resply

A R Lindeman

Director

To
Hon J. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

July 9 7

Sir: I am in receipt of your of 5th inst with enclosure.
Please find enclosed one proof Set for 1864 (Silver & Copper)

Very Respy
Yr Obt Servt
F W Scudder
Director

To
Jas A Reading Esq
Asst Treasury
U. S. Treasury
N.Y.

(Copy)

Melter & Refiners Office
July 9th 1864

Dear Sir:

Our process consists in the safest one, of not dissolving gold at all, and we do not need any process where the gold is dissolved, altho it might be cheaper: because the danger of loss of gold is far greater than the economy of any process, even if it should cost one half or less than half of our present process

I had myself a patented improved process, costing about one half our present process, and decided against it, because I found the danger of loss too great.

Respectfully Yours
(Signed) Jas C Booth
M & R

Dr A R Linderman
Director U S Mint

July 9 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 6th inst.

Please find enclosed a report of the Melter & Refiner U.S. Mint on the subject.

To
Emile Grout
Box 514
Rome
N.Y.

H. Rolinderman
Director

Very respectfully
your obt. svt.
H. Rolinderman
Director

Hon. John Hay Knox
Asst. Comp. of Currency

July 10th 7

July 10 7

Dear Sir

Your favor of 7th inst is received to-day, with the enclosed letter of Dr Bonzano relating to his visit to Washington and Philadelphia. I am glad to hear of your safe arrival from New Orleans, and as you request, return the application of Dr Bonzano for leave of absence with my favorable endorsement thereon

Very respectfully
Your most obt Svt
W Robinson
Director

Smith Brothers

Hon Jno Jay Knox
Asst Comp. of Currency

July 10 7

Sirs

In reply to yours of 8th inst concerning package 65 lbs nickel cents forwarded to Mint 27 ult would state that neither letter nor direction accompanied said package. It was opened yesterday & your letter of 10th inst enables the clerk in charge of that department to identify it. You will receive returns therefrom in due season.

Very Respectfully &c

Director

Smith Brothers
Poughkeepsie
N.Y.

July 11 [illegible]

Sir

In reply to yours of 9th inst. noted state — the Mint will fill an order for 5¢ coin in about one week from date of entry on our books.

Very Respectfully
H Linderman
Director

Fr & Nat Bank
Skowhegan
Me

J B Long
Engraver
W S Nent
no 16 Thelaurie
145 Broadway
New York

July 11th 7

Sir

I have Yours of 10th inst. The nickel cents referred to are not worth more than their nominal ~~trivial~~ value. The regulations prescribing the manner of Exchanging them for five cent coins, are contained in the enclosed circular

Very Respectfully &c
H. B. Linderman
Director

Engraved
A. D. Lent

J. B. Longacre

Mr M. Phelan
145 Broadway
New York

July 11 7

Sir I have to request that you will cause to have struck at your earliest convenience the following medal.

Qty (4) Bronze Medals
Penna State Agricultural Soc'y

Qty (6) Gold Medals
Regatta Lake Quinsigamond

J B Longacre Esq
Engraver
U S Mint.

Very Resp'y
H R Linderman
Director

H. R. Linderman

July 12 7

Sir:

I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for Forty one thousand one hundred & nine 42/100 Dollars ($41.109.42) payable out of the appropriation for the supply of Gold & Silver as follows

Transportation of Bullion from Sub Treasury Assay Office & U.S. Mint last 35.122.99
Specimens of Ores & Coin 1.000.00
Purchase of Machinery & Tools 5.000.43

$41.109.42

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary
Washington
D.C.

H. Linderman
Director

H Linderman

July 12 '7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 7th inst with enclosure for which please accept my thanks.

In reply to your inquiries I would state you can obtain one or two proof Sets of Copper & nickel Coins for this year (Price 15¢ per Set)

I send you the last Medal Circular and Annual report which will cover your other questions.

Yours Respy

H. R. Linderman
Director

To
C. C. Nichols Esq
Lodi Sacramento Co
Care Dell
Pr Crint San Francisco
Cal

July 12 7

Sir:

I herewith transmit report of Supt of Branch Mint San Francisco exhibiting the result of the usual monthly count and examination made at the close of May last.

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

I am
Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

July 13 7

Sir

I enclosed a certificate received in your letter of 9th inst. is genuine.

The omission of the days between the stars was made in Sept last by order of the Secy of Treasy.

Lowell Nat Bk
Lowell
Mich

Very Respy
N. R. Lundman

July 13 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 11th inst. Please find enclosed a circular giving you the information desired in relation to the cents (Nickel-Copper). Also the last Medal Circular.

The redemption of Copper Cents ceased in 1864.

There were cent ~~[illegible]~~ coined with the Indian Head, but the Mint has no Coin of back date except in its Cabinet.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director

To
J. C. Hallet.
Waverly
Tioga Co
N.Y.

July 13

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of 12th inst.

The Coins referred to were ordered by the Bank of Lancaster Ohio.

If you can retain the Coin and remit me your Check for the amount ($100)

Very Respy

H. R. Linderman

Hon. Jno. Sherman
Lancaster
Ohio

H. R. Linderman
Director

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(Copy)

Mint of the United States
Philad. July 12th 1867

Sir: I have your favor of yesterday for which I am much obliged. I hope to be able to comply with your request.

I am in receipt of your letter of 11th inst.

The price of a Proof Silver Dollar, Coin is $3.00 payable in Coin.

The Mint has no sets on hand except those of the present year.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

H. K. Simon Esq
Springfield
Mass

(Copy)

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Director

H. K. Simon Esq
Springfield
Mass

Pleasure to act otherwise than he did. While the matter was pending I intimated to Mr W. that if he would make a proposition to supply at a dollar that I would recommend the Board to accept it & subsequently I spoke to him a price at which his offer would prove acceptable

Private
unofficial

(Copy)

Mint of the United States
Philada July 18th 1867

My dear Sir

I have your favor of yesterday - for which I am much obliged. I hope to be able to come over to Washington about 17th inst.

The contract for nickel with Van Voast McCoy & Co was made by the Treasurer after due notice and in good faith and should be approved. I fully agree with you that it is not good policy to purchase of the English agent, but Mr Wharton did not, up to the time of action on the bids, manifest a disposition to reduce the price & left no course open to the Treasurer to act otherwise than he did. While the matter was pending I intimated to Mr W. that if he would make a proposition to supply, at a dollar sixty five per pound, I would recommend the Secretary to accept it & subsequently I suggested to him a price at which his offer would probably be accepted

He said he might reduce it to 1¢ lately, but after the Treasurer had accepted a bid at 1.30 & notified the Bidder, Mr Wharton appeared to understand the situation & was willing to supply the amount required at 1.36. I am decidedly favorably to giving Mr Wharton all proper preference & I think the true solution of the matter would be, to approve the contract now before you & contract with Wharton for nine months or a years supply for all required over and above the quantity to be supplied in 2 months by Vanhart McCoy & Co at say 1.32 gold per pound. This I believe to be about the market rate and I base my opinion on the fact that Robbins, agent of Merians English Nickel, offered at the time of our receiving bids, & subsequently, to furnish Nickel 97½ % at 1.37 Gold, which is equal to about 1.39 for pure Nickel. I believe that this would be an equitable arrangement.

I send herewith a copy of my circular letter of 1st inst in relation to Medals &c. There appears in the last year or two, to have been some abuses in this business, a large number of Medals & specimen Coins appear to have

been obtained at prices below those paid by Coin Collectors: & they come on the Market at reduced prices whenever there is a public sale of rare coins. I have reformed this whole business & will not allow any such transaction.

The demand for the five cent coin is again very large & I have postponed suspending operations for repairs until 28th inst. in order to meet the wants of the public of this Coin for change. Meanwhile we are getting everything in readiness for making the repairs with expedition. The same will be driven night & day until completed. The Department may rely on the necessary expenditures being made with the utmost economy. In haste

Yours &c
Signed M L Byam

To
Jno Jay Knox Esq
Washington
D C

July 15 7

Sir

As the Treasurer of the Mint, Chambers McKibbin Esq, proposes to be absent from the City for about two weeks, I have at his request, and pursuant to the fourth section of the General Mint Law, Act of Jany 18th 1837 - appointed Mr Jacob R. Eckfeldt, (Assayer of the Mint,) to act as Treasurer, during the absence of that officer.

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington
DC

I have the honor to be
With great Respect
Your Obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

July 15 7

Sir

In view of your proposed absence from the City for several days, I have at your request and in pursuance to 4th Sec of the General Mint Law, appointed Mr Jacob R Eckfeldt, (Assayer of Mint) to act as Treasurer during your absence: and have advised the Sec. of the Treasury of the fact, as required by the general regulations.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

Chas. W. Robbins Esq
Treasurer
Mint

July 15 4

Sir:

Pursuant to the authorization contained in the 4th Section of the General Mint Law; and with the consent of the Treasurer of the Mint, who proposes to be absent from the City for about two weeks from to day, I have appointed you to act as Treasurer during the absence of that Officer.

Very Respy

Director

To
Jacob R Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer
U S Mint

July 15 7

Sir

Your bid of $7.010 in gold Coin, for 149 Casks of Bi Mint Sweeps, which according to the official statement received from Branch Mint San Francisco, contains 400 4oz oz Standard gold and 1,437.46 oz Standard Silver, is received—

Upon the receipt of the above amount in gold Coin, I will forward you an order for the Sweeps now in store in New York.

I cannot receive any part of the Amount in gold Note.

To
L B Darling Esq
No 5 Worcester St
Providence RI

Very Respy
H B Lindeman
Director

July 16 7

Dear Sir

The coins of which you have sent impressions, are interesting & valuable, but not of a high price in the market.

The Roman piece appears to be a good sestertius of the Emperor Hadrianus, about A.D. 125.

The yellow piece of James II. is the famous gun-money, made from brass cannon, in his straits.

The Virginia half-penny, struck in England shortly before our Revolution, is well known, but rather scarce.

Yours respy

H. R. Linderman
Director.

To
Chas J Carey Esq
Macon Ga

Direct your deposit to H R Linderman
Director U S Mint

Telegraphed

July 17 4

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 12th inst.

The Mint will purchase silver plate and pay $1.22½ per oz standard ~~[illegible]~~ The charge is ½ per cent to U S Tax.

If you desire to deposit it for Coinage into silver dollars, you will receive proceeds in about three days, the charges are ½ per ct Coinage & ½ per ct U S Tax.

No deposit received that will amount to less than $100.

Very Respy
H Saunderson
Director

To
Jno R Wilson Esq
Care Roper & Stiney
Charleston
S.C.

Direct your deposit to H R Linderman
Director U S Mint

July 17 7

Gent.

The Mint received, the first part of the present month, two kegs containing Nickel Cents. The kegs had your stamp on, but, no instructions accompanied them. Do they belong to you? If so please send us the number of pounds &c.

Very Respy
H. L. Linderman
Director

To
Mess Colt Fox & Co
126 & 128 East 13th St.
New York.

Telegraph

July 18 7

Chambers McKibbin
Bedford Springs
Pa.

Secretary advises that law of Eighteen Sixty five requires you to designate one of your Clerk to perform duties of Treasurer. Please do so by telegraph and by letter to me & I will have the matter and the proceeds shipped

H B Linderman
Director

Jerry Keefer
H. B. Linderman
Director

Telegraph

July 18 7

Mr Ada H Alexander.

There was a deposit received at the Mint, the amount of which corresponds with yours. The deposit was made by the Agent of the Adams Express Co, who paid to Wells Fargo & Co $9.75 charges.

If you will forward to me the receipt you hold from Wells Fargo & Co I will have the matter traced, and the proceeds shipped to your address.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

July 18

Sir:

On the receipt of your letter of 15th inst (received this morning) I apprised the Treasurer of the Mint (by telegram) who is now at Bedford Springs, of your instructions in relation to the appointment of an Acting Treasurer, and requested him to name by telegraph one of his Clerks to discharge the duties of the Office. I have this moment received the enclosed telegram from Mr McKibbin, authorizing Mr Peter P Breen, (his Chief Clerk) to act as Treasurer. I deem it expedient to forward this telegram to you for your approval of the appointment made therein.

A copy of your letter has been sent to the Treasurer and he will forward, no doubt, a regular authorization for Mr Breen to act in his place, in due course of mail.

My attention had not been called to the Act of 1865 when I designated an Acting Treasurer under the [illegible]

Respy

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

"Copy"

Bedford Springs
July 18th 1867

To
H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Phila.

I appoint Peter P Breen
acting Treasurer, if it meets
your view.

C McKibbin

July 17th
July 18th

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of a report of the Assayer of the Mint on a recently invented Platinum Assay apparatus which proves, on trial to have some advantages over the glass apparatus. I am, Sir

Very Respectfully &c
H. R. Linderman
Director

George F. Dunning Esq
Supt Assay Office
New York

July 18th

Dear Sir

A necessary attention to other things has delayed my answer in regard to the Platinum Apparatus for the parting operation in gold assays. When the offer was first made to us, by Mr H. M. Raynor, the importer, it was in the shape of a set of vessels adapted to work nearly one hundred assays at a time. It occurred to me that it was got up for the trade assayers, & might suit their wholesale operations, but was in no respect adapted to our amount of work, nor method of work, nor to our furnaces. It seemed liable to other objections which I need not here detail. And moreover I was very well satisfied with the glass vessels, & the gas application, due to the ingenuity of Mr Field of the Royal Mint of London. Still it is a rule of this department to keep up with the age; & with the Directors approbation I gave an order for the construction of an apparatus suited to work, not more than sixteen assays at a time, & to accommodate our present fixtures. This was made in London by Messrs Johnson & Matthey, who are the inventors, & are well known as trade assayers of the first distinction. It was imported with all the apparatus by Mr Raynor & sent to us [illegible]

apparatus I found the addition of fresh improvements in respect to 4 small platinum cups to set in the divisions of the trays (which were correctly made for 16 assays, according to my request) There was in fact £4 ozs of platinum vessels of exquisite workmanship, which alone was worth much the larger part of the bill; & then the other part, fittings &c as we were told, & I can believe, cost in London £5 say $25 in gold. But I proceeded at once to set it up & that it nothing in a few days was convinced that it was equal to all that it claimed. The operation is elegant, cleanly, scientific & in various ways highly economical. Where the number of assays is pretty large say 40 or 50 a day, there is a great saving of time, labor & materials especially nitric acid. There is no breaking, no changing of cups, & in various other ways there is decided improvement. I therefore give it my full approbation & am now using it daily; with occasional use however of the glass apparatus &c &c &c

Yours respectfully
Your obt svt
(signed) J. R. Eckfeldt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director U. S. Mint

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I am Sir, Very Respectfully &c
A B Sinclair
Director

Robt B. Swain Esq
Supt Sran Mint
San Francisco

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and on examining the apparatus I found the addition of fresh improvements, chiefly in respect to 41 small platinum cups to set in the divisions of the trays (which were carefully made for the assays, according to my request.). There was in each 24 oz of platinum vessels of exquisite workmanship, which alone was worth much the larger part of the bill; & for the other parts, fittings &c as we were told, & can believe cost not more £5, say $25 in gold. I at once proceeded at once to set it up & test its working, & in a few days was convinced that it was equal to all that it claimed. The operation is elegant, cleanly, scientific & in various ways highly economical. Where the number of assays is pretty large, say 40 to 50 a day, there is a great saving of time, labor & materials, especially nitric acid. There is no decanting, no changing of cups, & in various other matters there is decided improvement. I therefore give it my full approbation & am now using it daily with an occasional use, however, of the glass apparatus &c

Very Respectfully
Your obt svt
(signed) J. R. Eckfeldt

Dr. A. L. Lindeman
Director U.S. Mint

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of — date. The specimens of Quartz were not enclosed as stated. The charge for Assay will be $5.00

Very Respy

H. L. Linderman
Director

To

Angus Rager
Clarksburg
Lot Ga

July 19 7

Sir.

Please find enclosed report of Mr J R Eckfeldt Assayer U S Mint on the Platinum Assay Apparatus purchased from you.

I also enclose duplicate bill, marked Correct, which you will please receipt and return to me. On receipt I will forward you the Am't

Yours Respy
H B Lindsay
Director

To
H M Raymor Esq
740 Broadway
New York

July 18th

Dear Sir

A necessary attention to other things has delayed my answer in regard to the Platinum Apparatus for the parting operation in gold assays. When the offer was first made to us by Mr. Raynor, the importer, it was in the shape of a set of vessels adapted to work nearly one hundred assays at a time. It occurred to me that this was got up for the trade assayers & might suit their wholesale operations; but was in no respect adapted to our amount of work, nor method of work, nor to our furnaces. It seemed liable to other objections which I need not here detail. And moreover, I was very well satisfied with the glass vessels, & the gas application, due to the ingenuity of Mr Field of the Royal Mint of London. Still it is a rule of this department to keep up with the age; & with the Director's approbation I gave an order for the construction of an apparatus suited to work, not more than sixteen, assays at a time, & to accommodate our present fixtures. This was made in London by Messrs Johnson & Matthey, who are the inventors, & are well known as trade assayers of the highest standing. It was imported with all the appurtenances by Mr Raynor, & sent to us with a bill of $250 in gold. This charge was unexpectedly high, & I objected to it in pretty strong terms. But on

kennis

July 7.

Learning further from Mr Raymer & on examining the apparatus I found the addition of fresh improvements, chiefly in respect to 41 small platinum cups to set in the divisions of the trays (which were correctly made for 10 assays according to my request). There was in fact 24 oz of platinum vessels of exquisite workmanship which alone was worth much the larger part of the bill, & then the other parts, fittings &c as we were told & can believe, cost £5. say $25 in gold. But I proceeded at once to set it up & test its working, & in a few days was convinced that it was equal to all that it claimed. The operation is elegant, cleanly, scientific, & in various ways highly economical. Where the number of assays is pretty large say 40 or 50 a day, there is a great saving of time, labor & materials, especially nitric acid. There is no decanting no changing of cups & in various other matters there is decided improvement. I therefore give it my full approbation & am now using it daily, with an occasional use, however of the glass apparatus. &c &c

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
(signed) L. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Hon A. R. Lindeman
Director U. S. Mints

July 19. 7.

Mr Peter P. Breen,
Chief Clerk & Treasurer
Sir,
The following telegram was received yesterday from the Treasurer now at Belfast Springs, in reference to appointment of an acting Treasurer of the Unit, viz:
"I appoint Peter P. Breen, if it meet your views"
This appointment has been transmitted to the Secretary for his approval. We are still unable further to act, from the Treasurer, they are authorized by the telegram above referred to to perform the duties of that officer during his absence.

Respectfully
H. Rolvenderman
Trustee.

July 19 7

Sir:

I have this day sent you per Adams Express Co One Proof Set as requested by you in letter of 18th inst.

To
J. M. Floyd Esq
Treas Dept
U.S. Assay Office
New York

Very Resp
H. Boldenman
Director

July 19th 7

Sir:

In accordance with the rules lately adopted I have the pleasure of enclosing for the Society which you represent, the first pattern piece struck under the new system of distribution. It is a 5¢ piece, struck in the new metal — Aluminum, with entirely new devices, & intended to weigh the same as the silver half-dime (19.2 gr, or .04 oz.) But having only 1/3 the specific gravity of the silver piece, it is four times as bulky. It is just the size of the half-eagle. The piece was designed by our Engraver (& dies made by him) upon the theory of giving full intrinsic values; consequently it contains aluminum to the amount of 5¢ in currency. But as this theory will not hold for the minor coinage, it is certain this piece will ever remain a mere experiment. Moreover there is no law to authorize a legal coinage in that metal. Please acknowledge receipt of this, & add any remarks you or your Society may think proper. A small number have been struck & may be had for $3 (currency); no applicant to receive more than one.

Very Respectfully &c
A. B. Lamderson
Director

Prof. Chas. E. Anthon
Lec. Amer. Num. Soc.

July 19th 7

Sir

In accordance with the Rules lately adopted I have the pleasure of enclosing for the Numismatic Society which you represent, the first pattern piece struck under the new system of distribution. It is a 5¢ piece, struck in the new metal — Aluminum, with entirely new devices; & intended to weigh the same as the silver half-dime (19.2 grains or .06 oz) But having only 1/4 the specific gravity of the silver piece, it is of course four times as bulky. It is just the size of the half-cent. The piece was designed by our Engraver (& dies made by him) upon the theory of giving full intrinsic value; consequently it actually contains five-cents worth of aluminum, market value in currency But as this theory will not hold for the minor coinage, it is certain the piece will remain a mere experiment. Moreover there is no law authorizing the coinage in that metal. Please acknowledge receipt of this, & add any remarks yourself or Society may think proper. A small number have been struck, & are now to be had at $2 enabling no applicant to receive more than one.

Very Respectfully &c
J. R. Snowden
Director

Wm S. Appleton Esq
Sec Boston Num Soc'y

July 19th 7

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Rules lately adopted, I have the pleasure of enclosing to you for the Numismatic Society which you represent, the first pattern piece struck under the new system of distribution. It is a five-cent piece, struck in the new metal Aluminum with entirely new devices; and is intended to weigh the same as the silver half-dime, 19.2 grains or .04 oz. But having only one-fourth the specific gravity of the silver piece, it is of course four times as bulky. It is just the size of the half-eagle. The piece was planned by our Engraver (and the dies made by him) upon the theory of giving full intrinsic value; consequently this piece actually contains five-cents worth of aluminum, market value in currency. But as this theory will not hold for the minor coinage, it is quite certain the piece will forever remain a mere experiment. Moreover there is as yet no law for using that metal in coinage.

Please acknowledge the receipt of this.

this, and add any remarks or criticisms you or your Society may think proper. A small number have been struck, and are now to be had at three dollars ($3) currency; no person to apply for more than one.

Very Respectfully &c
H Robinson
Director

John P. Meader Esq
Secy R. I. Num Ass.
Providence R.I.

the receipt of this, & add any remarks or criticisms you, or your society may think proper. A small number have been struck & are now to be had at $3. (currency); no person to apply for more than one.

Very Respectfully &c
H Rhunderwair
Director

Alfred B. Taylor Esq
Secy Philad. Numi. Soc.
1035 Chestnut st.

R. L. Linderman
Director

July 19th. 7

Dear Sir

In accordance with the Rules lately adopted I have the pleasure of enclosing to you, for the Numismatic Society which you represent, the first pattern piece struck under the new system of distribution. It is a five-cents-piece struck in the new metal — Aluminum, with entirely new devices; and is intended to weigh the same as the silver half-dime, 19.2 grains, or .04 oz. But having only one-fourth the specific gravity of the silver piece it is of course four times as bulky. It is just the size of the half-eagle. The piece was planned by our Engraver (and the dies made by him) upon theory of giving full intrinsic value, consequently this piece actually contains five-cents worth of aluminum, market value in currency. But as this theory will not hold for the minor coinage, it is quite certain the piece will forever remain a mere experiment. Moreover, there is, as yet, no law for using that metal in coinage.

Please acknowledge

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the receipt of this, & add any remarks or criticisms you, or your society may think proper. A small number have been struck & are now to be had at $3. (currency); no person to apply for more than one.

Very Respectfully &c
H. R. Linderman
Director

Alfred B. Taylor Esq
Secy Philad^a Numi. Soc.
1035 Chestnut st

H. R. Linderman

July 20 1857

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 18th inst, and to state, that a reply will be made to the inquiries contained therein, as soon as the data for the same can be conveniently prepared, say in the course of a week.

Very Respy
H. C. Linderman
Director

To
Albert R. Richardson Esq
N.Y. Tribune Bureau
Washington
D.C.

July 20th 7.

A. London Snowden. Esq.
Chief Power U.S. Mint.

Sir.

In view of the facts presented in your Report of yesterday in relation to the conduct of Edward Dulin, Fireman, you will notify the Dulin that his services are dispensed with from and after today.

Respectfully Yours
A R Lindemann
Director

July 20 7

Sir

Your recommendation in the case of Mr Henry Reese, "that with loss of pay during his absence and suspension, he be given one more trial, and if he again violates the Rules, that he be forthwith discharged" is hereby approved.

To
A L Snowden Esq
Chief Comr
U S Mint

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

July 22 7

Gent.

You will please deliver to Mess Duncan Sherman & Co One Hundred & forty nine Casks of French Mint hoops. on store at Lawrence & Co. Stores.

Yours Respy
H. R. Lindsman
Director

To
Mess E A Packer & Co
111 Broadway
New York

July 29 7

Sir:

At the usual monthly Count and examination made before business on this day the following balances were found in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint viz.

Gold	141.166.50
Silver	20.239.20
Ordinary acc	29.121.21
Copper	2.422.18
Br Mt San Francisco	9.502.97
" " Denver	2.000.00
	$342.137.36

Corresponding with the balance sheet rendered at the close of yesterday

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

N. L. Lindenberger
Treas'r

July 22 7

Genl.

I have this day issued an order on you in favor of Mess Duncan Sherman & Co for One hundred & forty nine Casks Br Mint Sweeps. You will please deliver the Sweeps and forward to me your bill of charges &c for payment.

To
Mess. E A Packer & Co
111 Broadway
New York

Very Resp
H. R. Linderman
Director

July 22 / 7

Sir

I herewith enclose Coin draft of Jay Cooke & Co on J C & Co N.Y. for $250 in payment of bill for Platinum Assay Apparatus received in June of 20th inst.

Awaiting an acknowledgment

I am

Very Respy

H B Lindenman

Director

To

H McKaynor

791 & Broadway

New York

July 23 7

Sir

Your inquiries have given occasion to a fresh enumeration of our Cabinet Coins, with the following results:

American:

Regular U. S. coinage	657	
Colonial, Experimental, and Gold-Region issues	180	
		837

Foreign-modern: Coins in the Roman character, including Mexico, Central & South America, & Europe, (except Turkey) & West Indies — 2408

Oriental: coins of Asia, & Europe, in Arabic & Turkey, other ~~legends~~ characters, including China & Japan; & the mediaval Cufic & Caliphate, also Northern Africa: — 420

Carried over 3665

Brought over	3665
Antique — Roman, down to the end of the Byzantine Empire	873
Antique — Greek; including Syrian, Egyptian, Bactrian & Sassanian	29
Miscellaneous	122
Total of Coins	4900

Medals:

United States, national (bronze)	149
Medals & medalets of Washington	216
Miscellaneous (gold, silver, bronze)	419
	784
Whole number of pieces	5684

It should be observed, that we do not collect the petty medalets known as "store-cards, political tokens" &c. We aim not at numbers, but worth; and especially to give the observer an idea of the currency of all nations, in all ages.

One item of inquiry is as to "the supposed date of some of the oldest."

This collection ascends as high into antiquity as any other. We may mention three pieces, dating quite back to the origin of the practice of coining, in their respective countries.

1. The silver coin of Ægina, a Greek island, is generally estimated as having been coined seven centuries before the Christian era. We call it 2500 years old. – The tetradrachm of Athens is farther down, perhaps two centuries.

2. The golden daric of Persia, coined by Darius, but which one of that name is uncertain. Its age is doubtless about 2350 years.

3. The bronze triens, (one third of the as or Roman pound) of the young republic of Rome, is about the same age as the daric.

A couple of centuries farther down, the dates become more definite. Generally a scope of a few years must be allowed; but in some cases the exact year of coinage can be ascertained.

The question, "How many varieties, counting the

different dies, of American public coins, have circulated" — probably cannot be answered by any body; certainly no two answers would be any where near alike. The subject has been faithfully studied, & largely written upon, & yet much remains uncertain. Collectors often make a trivial variation the ground of adding to the number. We are entirely unable to give an answer on this point.

Respectfully yours &c
A. R. Lindermann
Director of the Mint

Albert D. Richardson Esq
N.Y. Tribune Rooms,
Washington
D.C.

July 23 '71

Sir.

I have to report, that pursuant to law and the regulations of the Department, I made examination at the close of business yesterday, 22d inst. of the books, accounts, and moneys on hand in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer at St. Louis, and found a balance of $270.613.13, which corresponds with the statement of accounts for that day.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash.

Certificates of Temporary Loan $3.951.43

To
Hon. Hugh McCulloch, Sec'y Treas.
&c. &c. &c.
Washington D.C.

W. R. Lindeman
Assistant Treasurer

July 23 /7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 22d inst.

In reply I would state, such a length of time has elapsed since your specimen was received that it would be impossible to select it from many others that are awaiting the Assayer fee.

If you will send another specimen accompanied by $5.00 it shall have early attention.

Very Respy
H. B. Linderman
Director

To
E. K. Huyers Esq
Hanover
York Co
Pa

July 23.

Sir,

The following Regulation has recently been prescribed at the Mint, and will be observed at your Branch after receipt of this notice

"C. The adjustment of weight, of every piece of Gold and Silver Coin, must be so performed as to satisfy the Coiner that they are within the legal limits. And when a delivery of Coins is made by the Officers to the Treasurer, the latter may first examine a number of single pieces to form an idea of the whole working. But there is to be no selection of pieces for the trial of the Annual Assay, nor weighing of them by the Assayer, at the delivery.

It has formerly been the practice for the pieces selected for the Annual Assay to be carefully weighed before selection; but hereafter there will be an indiscriminate selection, care being taken by the proper officers, that the lot of Coin is ready for

delivery before the pieces are taken out.

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt.
U S Mint
San Francisco

Very Respy
W. L. Lindemann
Director

The law requires that the pieces reserved for the annual assay shall be taken indiscriminately — not selected and weighed. I invite your attention to sections 26 & 27 of the General Mint Act on this subject, see page 81 of pamphlet forwarded herewith. Both the Coiner & the Refiner, are to take the utmost precaution to see that the Coins have been adjusted to the legal weight before taking the assay pieces. Weighing not only the Coins in mass, but a number of single pieces —

W R L

July 23 1

Sir

The balance you have completed, under my orders for the Customs House at New Orleans, having been examined by Mr Tompkins, and proving correct you will proceed to pack and deliver it on board of Steamboat addressed to the Collector of Customs at New Orleans. You will then present your bill for my approval, to be forwarded to Washington for payment.

Henry Fox Esq

Very Respy

H Schindler

Surveyor

July 24. 7.

John L. Watson Esq
Perth Amboy
New Jersey.

Dear Sir,

Please
furnish us with a list of Prices
of fire brick & fire clay, & oblige
Respectfully Yours,
H R Lindemann
Agent

July 24th 7

Sir

In reply to yours of 23d inst. I would state that the Silver weighed but 13oz. The gold was very base and a similar deposit would be refused. The box was usual for such a bar. The Assay was satisfactory and there is no possibility of an error occurring in the Mint in relation to this deposit.

Very Resp.

H R Linderman

Director

To
J J Brown Esq
Pres. of Patterson N
Balto Md

July 24 4

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 22 inst and in reply I would state that the letter referred to as containing a check for $150 has not been received at the Mint.

If you will transmit a duplicate check, your order shall have early attention

Very Respy

H. Linderman

Director

To

Cashr

1st Nat Bk

Burre

Mass

July 24 /7

Sir:

An examination of the specimen received in your letter of 18th ult. shows it to be Zinc without a trace of silver.

Very Resp.
H Schnderman
Director

To
Geo. C. Koontz Esq
Hightown
Highland Co
Va

July 24 '74

Sir

I have the letter to be received
in your's of 22 inst.

The Express Agent explains the charge
of 40¢ as that for returning the money after
collection. The 1¢ was charged in New York
for carrying the box of medals. In reference
to the latter charge you had better confer
with the Agent in N.Y.

Very Respy
H Lowdermon
Director

To
A Ramsay Esq
Cor Ferry St
New York

July 25, 1867.

Mr J. Travis Twigg is assigned to duty under the instructions of the Engraver, and will arrange under the direction of the Engraver, such Official Papers as are in the Engravers Office and Register the same for Convenient reference. A Register of Dies prepared and delivered to the Chief Bomb also of those forwarded to the Bank Note, will also be made & kept up thereafter. A Register of Dies defaced at the end of each year must be made.

The Engraver is requested to direct the Twigg to arrange all the Papers, Books & belonging to the Stationery of the Office, and so far as practicable relieve the Engraver of performing clerical duties.

[illegible] W. L. Anderson
Director

July 26 /7

Sir:

The balance ordered for the Customs House at New Orleans has been completed, and shipped as per Contract with Mr Troemner

The weights were carefully examined by a competent person employed in the Mint, and everything connected with the balance was found to be correct before packing.

Herewith enclose bill for the sum, with bill of lading appended. I have to request that you will remit a check to my care, payable to the order of Henry Troemner, for the amount $795.

Yours Respy
H. R. Linderman
Respr to

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec of Treasy
Washn
D C

July 26. 7.

Robert E. Wivaine Esq.
Superintendent
Branch Mint, San Francisco,

Sir,

I suppose that before this reaches You, Your Annual Statement of Operations for fiscal Year, ending June 30th 1867, will have been forwarded. I deem now to say that, any suggestions You think proper to make in relation to Your Branch Mint, Bullion production of the Pacific coast &c will be gladly received and incorporated in my Annual Report to the Department.

What is the condition of Your Machinery, apparatus &c particularly Your Rolls &c

Can You give me an estimate of the Gold & Silver production of the Pacific Coast Region for last fiscal Year, — the Amount of specie in California, Nevada & Oregon —

Any information in relation to the Mines & mineral productions of our recently acquired Russian Possessions, will also be thankfully received.

Very Respectfully Yours
H. Rhu Derman
Director.

Private.

Some time since I called the Secretary's attention to the loss arising from the deductions for hauling & refining at your Branch Mints & suggested that the same should be sold from time to time and the proceeds realized & credited to the Credit of your Incidental Contingent Fund. I have as yet received no reply - but my clerk the Wheeler, who is in Washington, had some conversation with the Secy about this point. He intimated that the Satisfy should be paid in Gold &c. I suppose this matter will come up when I go on to Washington as I expect to do in a few days

July 29 7

Sir:

Yours of 27th has been received. The package containing the 1 & 2 cent piece is returned to you by Adams ~~Co~~ Express Co.

The Mint does not redeem 1 & 2 cent pieces, but purchases the one cent piece that may issue from 1857 to 64 paying the nominal value in 3 & 5 cent pieces.

I enclose a circular which will give you full instruction

John I Fenneman
Balto
Md

Very Respy
J. C. Linderman
Director
per Attache for
Director Clerk

Jul, 29 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 26 inst. with enclosure. (3)

I herewith enclose a specimen aluminum 5c piece as per request.

Yours

Wm J Appleby Esq
34 Beacon St.
Boston

Very Resp
H Kamerlingh
Director

Inclos per A Hacker
Director Clerk

July 29 '77

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 27th inst with enclosure (v.3)
Please find enclosed a specimen aluminum 5¢ piece.

To
Prof Chas A Anthon
College of C. of N.Y.
New York

Very Respy
H K Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director Clerk

July 30 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 27th inst enclosing receipt of Wells Fargo & Co. for $1464.20.

The proceeds of the deposit is this day shipped to your address per Adams Express Co.

Very Resp
H R Lundeman
Director

To
Lyons Nat Bank
Lyons
N.Y.

July 21 77

Sir

I enclose a sample of the warrant and receipt now used in the course of business at the Mint.

With the remark that I wish to improve their appearance, I would request that you furnish me with designs for each, that in your opinion would make the contemplated improvement.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

To
National Bank Note Co
No 1 Wall St.
New York

July 21 77

Sir:

The box containing Silver Plate was received at the Mint this day. Weight of Silver 116.75 Oz Troy before Melting.

The proceeds in Silver Dollars will be shipped as you direct by Adams Express Co on the 2d or 3d proximo.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Jno R Wilson Esq
Rockville
J. E

July 31. 7.

Edward Armstrong Esq.

Dear Sir

I have your note of this date. It will afford us pleasure to furnish your friend at Albany with a set of U. S. Silver coins of 1867. We will hand them to you ordered carefully packed to E B O'Callaghan, by Express, & collect on delivery, as you may prefer.

The cost will be as follows:

One Silver dollar		108
1/2	"	50
1/4		25
Dime		10
1/2 dime		5
3 cent piece		3
		$2.01

Pay all in silver coins of less denomination than the dollar.

Very Respectfully,

H. R. Lindeman

Director

Aug 1 7

Aug 1 7

J. 2

Referring to my communication of 21st ult. I herewith enclose two samples of Assayers Report, Gold & Silver, omitted yesterday

To
National Bk Note Co.
No 1 Wall St
New York

Very Resp
H. R. Linderman
Director

Aug 1 7

Gent.

I have to request that you will furnish me, at your earliest convenience, a copy of the Contract between yourselves and the Treasurer of the Navy for the supply of Pickles.

To
Frep Van Wart Jr & Co
New York

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

Aug 30 7

I am in receipt of your favor of 21st inst. by duplicate Certificate Deposit No. 215 for proceeds of deductions for quarter ending June 30 62. The same has been entered on the books of the Mint, to the credit of the appropriation for Inc & Ord Expenses of Office.

Referring to your inquiry in relation to the salaries of Officers & Clerks at the San Francisco Branch, I am unable to give you the information, in consequence of the Supt omitting to make a detailed report of the salaries paid to each Officer and Clerk, in his estimate.

I have sent you by Adams Express Co, this day one pkg. Lead Tiles & Copper Coins for 1 oz. assay, per request contained in your of the 21st Inst.

Coins.

Geo. Manning Esq
U. S. Assay Office
New York

Very Respy
W. Pollock
Director

Expenses and salaries of Mint & Branches are to be paid by Treasurer upon vouchers signed by Director

Aug 3 7

Sir:

I herewith transmit a statement of Deposits received, and Coinage executed at the Mint, during the month of July 1867.

Very Respy

H. B. Lindeman

Director

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington D.C.

Aug 5 [illegible]

Sir

Please [illegible] Lists of Cir[illegible]
[illegible]

I appreciate to [illegible] Circ[illegible]
[illegible] who is those who [illegible] on
the [illegible] of Dimensions. He reports
[illegible] "We have [illegible] of the books on the
[illegible] the [illegible] are obsolete and
[illegible] the time [illegible] pay and
would be more [illegible] to do [illegible]
There are three men [illegible] who
[illegible] the Secretary ready [illegible] done for
[illegible] Shall they [illegible] or
[illegible] with [illegible]?

To
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Very Re
H. B. Lindeman
Director

Aug 5 77

Sir:

I herewith receive a specimen of a copper cent & alloy, which you will please accept as a token of my esteem

Yours &c

Andrew D. White

H Boludenman

H Boludenman

H. Lundeman

250 8
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August 5. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have your favor of the 2nd & 3d inst. also the Design of a Medal for the Hon Cyrus W. Field. Your instructions in relation to the preparation of Dies for the Medal will be complied with, and the work done in a style to merit the approval of Mr Field and the Department.

I have the honor to be,
With great Respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

251 8
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Aug 5 7

Sir

I have to request that you will send me at your earliest convenience One Copy of the "Patent Office Report" (last edition) for the Home Library.

To
Commissioner of
Patents
Washn
D. C.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

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Aug 5. 7.

Geo. P. Kenney Esq.
Supt. Assay Office,
N.Y.

Dear Sir,

I will
thank you to send to Hon Lyman
W. Pitts, the enclosed communication.

Yours Truly
H. Bleudeerman
Director

August 5. 7.

Hon Cyrus W. Field,
New York.
Dear Sir,

I have been furnished by the Hon Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, with the Design of a Medal to be presented to You by the President, and commissioned to have the Medal prepared at this Institution. The Secretary desires the Medal to be prepared in such a style as will be creditable to the Government and entirely acceptable to You.

In order to carry the intimations of the Department into effect, it will be necessary for the Medallist who is to be entrusted with this work, to prepare an accurate profile likeness of Yourself.- Be pleased to inform me when it will be convenient for You to give the artist a sitting.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servant,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Aug 6 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose a memorandum & diagram submitted by the Engineer, in reference to the Lease for the "Howard University"

The Lease is near completion and your early attention to the enclosed will oblige

Very Respy
Your obt S
H R Linderman
Secret

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec of Treasy
Washington
D C

Aug 6 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 30 inst. Also pay for Express Contain $10.00

We have suspended operations for a few weeks, in consequence of having to repair the machinery of the Mill, but shall be able to fill your order before that time.

Very Truly
H R Lundeman
Director

H Chandler Esq
Care Meier & Co
Boston
Mass

Aug 6th 7

Sir:

I think it proper that there should be, at your Branch a Cabinet of the series of Medals contained in the enclosed list.

If you have the space to spare (say 8 x 10 ft) please advise me and I will furnish them at the Cost for Material and Labor.

Very Truly
H. R. Linderman
Director

For
Robt E Swan Esq
Supt
U S Br Mint
San Francisco

Aug 6 7

Gent.

I am in receipt of your favor of 5th inst.

I have to request that you will transmit me duplicate bill for the whole amount as follows (Receipted)

Frt paid	$41.04
Storage & Weighing	96.85
Commission	296.62
	$1.234.51

On receipt I will send you Drft for bill received this day.

To
Mssr E A Packer & Co
111 Broadway
New York

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Rucker Jr
Directors Clerk

Mint of the U.S. at San
Philad. August 9th 1867

Sir:

The specimens received in your letter of
2nd inst. are simply an oxide of iron

Very Respy
H Boudinot

J. B. Snowden Esq
Millbrook
Centre Co. Pa.

Mint of the United States
Phila. August 7th 1867

Sir

During my last visit to the Department at Washington, Sundry letters, newspaper extracts &c on the subject of Mint Refining was placed in my hands with the request that an opinion should be prepared and rendered.

The matter is brought up at this time by a letter of Mr. Louis A. Garnett, who works a refinery in San Francisco, addressed to the Department and printed among the Senate documents.

The question is, Whether the Mint and its Branches and the Assay Office at New York shall cease refining Gold & Silver, in order that the business may be given to private refiners.

After due deliberation and examination of the papers and the facts bearing upon the subject I have no hesitation in saying that a Mint which has not the authority and appliances for refining its bullion handles

deposits to be called a mint. (City) At the best it is in the condition of a cripple; and of one who has been crippled on purpose to keep him from leaving this country.

In what shape do Gold and Silver bullion come? I do not speak of the metals in their earthy gangues or in a mineralized, bloom like condition. I speak of them as metals in full. They come in all grades of fineness and of intermixture. They may be pure Gold and Silver, mixed together. They may have some of the yellow copper that we value perhaps not enough, perhaps too much, never just the right proportion. They may have a grain or two or a few grains of lead, enough to destroy their ductility; a little of that pest & common familiar indesirable natural to some (favored) deposits of Gold. All this must be taken out and the bullion be refined and standardized. And without authority to use the acids or the refining furnace, our parting room shuts up, and the yellow sheet is away, which is to do.

We can't do it. We must take the bullion out of the room.

The work can't take place there. From the very origin of the Mint, it has been the method of refining a

large share of his ~~[illegible]~~ title and his work is to be let out to contractors, in all cases it is to be done for us, or rather for the depositors, to it for their benefit or for the benefit of the Mint, or simply for private reference.

But there is a section of law passed in 1853 which seems to call for this action.

I feel obliged to say a word about the origin of these singular actions. It was well understood at the time that it was merely proceeding of the assiduity of a former officer of the Mint who told us that he had invented an improved process of refining, took out a patent, and took to make sure of an ample fee for profitable operation.

The invention however came to nothing, and the law which favored it, was and is a dead letter.

Having pronounced it worthless be repealed.

I am aware that the London Mint has dispensed with its refinery, it has narrowed down its box of accounts to one shape only, that of ingots 500 oz and it has dealt with one customer, the Bank of England. No man can take grains or nuggets of Gold as foreign gold or silver come to the mint & must take from

[illegible] by persons refining and Assaying and go to the Mint in bars [illegible]

I now also answer that the Mint does not [illegible] refine, [illegible] it is [illegible] relations [illegible] an Assay Office. The [illegible] is done by an Entrepreneur or Contractor. There is no Mint as we understand the term.

Neither of these cases is a profitable for us. The American Mint is a holder of Coinage fees [illegible] to the Counter of the Mint [illegible] the legal gradation [illegible] a fraction [illegible] expense. [illegible]

[illegible] to pay a definite Mint Charge [illegible] also [illegible] to pay an indefinite [illegible] for coinage as he must in London [illegible] the American [illegible] to have the Coinage [illegible] as in France.

[illegible] Both the San Francisco refining proposal [illegible] deposited shall finally go to the Mint [illegible] Gold or Silver melted and assayed [illegible] the other [illegible] to the private Contractor, who [illegible]

[illegible] referring to us [illegible] Commercial [illegible] precedent for this [illegible] referring to the [illegible] London and Paris [illegible]

They would take nothing that has not first been tested with the private capital. On this point the [illegible] of the Bank of the Pacific [illegible] in strong significant. The early and dark history of private Bankers and Bankers in California has not been forgotten by our thousands of [illegible] suffered so severely, and they should not be encouraged in their delusion in a dangerous belief by the belief that the Government [illegible] less than fond [illegible] protection. And again in a [illegible] [illegible] ordinary principles [illegible] against the evil [illegible] of concentration and monopoly by private parties.

[illegible] observe that my objection has chiefly arisen from the delay of first testing the [illegible] thereby [illegible] it ought to be signed. [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] expressing [illegible] for that work. At the same time the [illegible] and Issuing Office [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] parting. They are very [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] ready for turning into ingots. Either more or less by the parting operation take place of departure. Gold they can do very well or better by fusion or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

267 266

Aug 8 7

Gent:

In my letter of 6th inst. I requested you to send me "duplicate bills for the whole amt."

In your favor of yesterday received this day you enclosed but a single bill: be good enough to send me a duplicate by return mail.

To
Mess. E. Blackler & Co.
111 Broadway
New York

Very Respy
H. Rhinderman
Director

Aug 8 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith Requisition of Supt U S Assay Office New York, with my approval, for $30.000 and request that it may receive early attention

Very Respy
H Boldemann
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Aug 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 7th inst enclosing Requisition for $30.000.

I have forwarded the same to the Dept with my approval and requested early attention

Very Resp'y

H R Linderman

Director

To

Geo F Dunning Esq

Supt

U S Assay Office

New York

Aug 8 7

Sir:

I enclose herewith a copy of my letter to the Secretary of the Treasury containing my views on the subject of whether the Mint and its Branches, and the Assay Office at New York, shall cease refining Gold & Silver, in order that the business may be given to private refiners.

To
Robt B Swam Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Respy
N R Snowden
Director

City 7

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Yours Very Resp.
H Boardman
Director

To
Geo. Pt Marcy Esq
Supt. of Assay Office
New York

Aug 9th 7.

Aug 9. 7.

Prof J. C. Booth,
Melter & Refiner
Dear Sir,

Assuming that Coinage operations will not be resumed before the 15th Sept next, please inform me, what amount of Nickel will have on hand on that day.

The amount delivered by Faulkner McCoy Co. from Aug 1st to Sept 15 will be say 9000 lbs. To this add alloy from redeemed Nickel cents & Nickel alloy ingots, balance of what to Nickel &c

Respectfully Yours,
H. R. Linderman

We are doing the work as fast as we can, & all hope to be completed by the 1st. favorable operations on the Mint

Aug 9th 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir.

I have the honor to inform you that the repairs of the Mint are progressing in the most satisfactory manner.

We succeeded in taking down the large "Steele" Engine without accident and found it in a much more defective condition than we supposed it to be. When repaired, it will give us, with the same amount of steam, an increase in power of 33 to 40 per cent.

The Annealing Furnaces we were compelled to take down entirely & re-build. The new ones are well under way & with the new improvements will prove of great advantage in our operations.

We are driving the work night & day & hope to have it all nearly well completed by the 1st proximo.

Operations in the Melting Department

are still continued – the desire to work up and get out of the way all the refractory Nickel alloy which has been accumulating for some time past in order that it may not trouble us when we get under way again. Meanwhile we will prepare an ample supply of ingots for the Nickel & Bronze Coinage, and have the same ready when coining operations are resumed.

With great Respect,
Your obt. Servant,
H. Schnedermann
Director

The above
deposit rec'd the Mint
times accompany the package.

To
Mr. J. A. Penrson
Chicopee
Mass.

Wm. Kelly
H. K. Linberg
Peter
J. A. Walker
Rich

Aug 12 '77

Agent:

I am in receipt of yours of 2d inst.

I have to request that you will inform me by what Express your Nickel Cent were forwarded. Also a description of the package.

The above of parties sending deposits &c to the Mint should at all times accompany the package.

To
Messrs A Denison & Co
Chicopee
Mass

Very Resp
H K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Ass Clk

Aug 11th 47

Sir:

You will prepare immediately for the Branch Mint at San Francisco, the following dies viz.

6 Obverse & 3 Reverse Double Eagle
6 " & 3 " Half Dollar

To J B Longacre Esq
Engraver
U S Mint

Very Resp.
H R Linderman
Director
for A Patterson
Director Chief

Aug 1 1854

Sir:

I herewith transmit a Stmt. of Supt. Branch Mint San Francisco, exhibiting the result of the monthly Count and examination, made at the close of business on the 24th day of June last.

Very Resp.
Your obt. Svt.
H. R. Linderman
Director
per W. Thacher Jr.
Director Clerk

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Aug 13 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor (3) of 18th of July with the following enclosures viz

Certificate of transfer of Parling Charge
Statement of Securities
List of Unpaid Warrants
Statement of the Condition of Branch
Statement of Deposits & Coinage
Count & Examination.

Also Requisition for $60,807.72 which I have approved and forwarded to Washington with the request that it may receive early attention

Robt B Swan Esq
Supt US Mint
San Francisco

Very Resp
H. Richardson
Director

Ex

Aug 13 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose the petition of Robt B Forrest Esq Supt Col Wm Francis Eal. for $90.607.72 with my approval and request that it may receive early attention

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Comptroller of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Yours Resp
N B Lindsman

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

H B Lindsman

H B Lindsman

Aug 13 7

Sir

I send this to you as an Ex
for the last 10 or 12 months
[illegible]

As the Counter of the Ex is made
of type not, I have set it down
as supposed to be, but should be stamped
upon it.

I enclose the bill of Mr Parker,
$54 50/100, which please return me in
the check paper to this office.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
A. Augt Heller
Esq
Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Augusta 7

Sir:

I have received your of 13th inst.

The first Offer Cotton came in 1793.

I cannot inform you when you will be able to complete your collection.

Yours

Jos Phillips
Pvt 383
Veteran
Ref

Geo Keefe
Mr Kilkenny
Minister
for Attorney
Genl's Office

August 27

Sir:

I have received your of 12th inst.

The first Cft. Cutter was in 1793.

I cannot inform you when you will be able to get your collector.

Yours Truly

Jos. Blair

Lt. Kelly

U.K.R. Cutter

Inspector

Veteran

for Which

N.Y.

Revenue Cutter

Aug 14 1877

Sir

In reply to yours of 6th inst. I would state that the Small Com (#10) ordered by you are in the Express office at Bellefonte - subject to a charge of 25¢. The Govt only pays the transportation on sums of #300 or more -

To
H Grieb Esq
P.M.
Madisonburg
Centre Co
Pa

Very Resp
H Bohdeman
Director

Aug 14 7

Sir

On the 27th ult we were compelled to take out the machinery of the Mill for repairs, which will explain the delay you shall have your Corn ground by on the 28th ult

I will be more careful hereafter

~~We~~ are crowded until the repairs of which this will be completed please you receive since the 27th July

Respectfully

Appleton Rat Kr, Maine

H R Sanderson
Director

Aug 14 77

Sir:

In reply to your note of 12th inst I would state that on the 25th ult we were compelled to take down the Machinery of the Mint for repairs. All orders for small Coins will be entered on the books of the Mint to be filled & shipped upon the completion of the repairs, which will occupy about two weeks.

Very Resp
H K Linderman
Director

John Chrystal
226 N Gay St
Balto
Md

pro Thacher
Director Cast

Aug 13 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours enclosing $20 for which I will give Adams & Co. one eagle of $. Coins for the $20 sent you are

Silver	2.01
Nickel	80
Nickel & Copper Coin	11
Cents	17.0
	$20

There are no dies of 1867 date to be had at the Mint. I am unable to inform you where you could obtain a set of the dies of 1867.

Respy

J. P. Harris Esq
Little Valley
New York

H. R. Linderman
Director

Aug 15 7

[illegible]

Very Respy
H. Lindenmann
Agent

Chicopee
Mass

August 16.

J. P. Chandler Esq.
Adv. Reas. U. State,

Sir,

I have your letter of the 13th inst. and regret that we cannot comply with your request. We are engaged in making pretty extensive repairs of Engine, Furnace, Machinery &c; and will not be able to resume active Coinage operations under about 15 days. In order that you may not suffer for want of a set piece for purposes of change I have instructed the Treasurer to forward you $500 in that coin to day.

Very Respectfully
W. R. McDonald
Treas.

Aug 16. 7

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. States.

Sir,

Your of 14th inst enclosing Drafts for $2000 is received. The Coin you desire in return will be forwarded today, although it exhausts our Stock of 3cts Coin and about 1/3 of our five cent pieces.

The repairs of Machinery temporarily required for the proper execution of the Coinage, are in progress and by the 15th prox. we shall be in condition to meet any demand made upon us for Coin.

Very Respectfully
W. L. Andrews
Director

Aug 16 7

Sir:

I have this day closed the sale of 144 Casks Nipa Liquor from the Branch on Pine & Battery & received

Proceeds in Coin $7.018

Less Amount paid to Cary & Co. for Expenses $1.000

Subject to your order payable in Coin $6.018

I have credited your Ordinary account with proceeds of $1.000 Coin sold at 14% $1400

and charged the same against the $1.234.51 Orders Drafts $41.00 H. K. Lindemann

Commission 46.25

Commission 46.02

$1.234.51

To

Robt B Swan Esq

Supt W & I Dept

San Francisco

Cal

Very Resp'y

H. K. Lindemann

Director

Aug 16 7

Gent

[illegible] Baker Co [illegible]
Contract No 1 3943 in payment of
bills for expenses on the Mount Sinai.

Approved 1234.51
Less 1 paid 241 04
993.47

Auditor, [illegible]

[illegible]
Newark

H. L. Lindeman
Mayor

Aug 11th 7

Sir.

On the 5th inst I addressed a letter to Hon E. Peck Hill, informing him of the Commission's having made the Department to have presented the Gold Medal awarded him by Congress, and requested that he would advise me when it would be convenient for him to give our artist a sitting. This letter I inclosed to Capt Manning & I assay Office N.Y. with a request that he would deliver the same to Mr Hill. This morning I received a letter from Mr Manning stating that Mr Hill is absent on detached service on land, and is not expected in New York till September. My letter was left by Mr Manning at the Office of Mr Hill, in N.Y. with a request that it be immediately forwarded to him.

This will explain the delay in preparing the Medal for the Medal.

Very Respt
Your obt Svt
W. R. Leslie

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy

Aug 17 7

Wm R Coker
Dear Sir,
You will
please report immediately
for duty or furnish a
Sufficient excuse for
your prolonged absence.
Truly Yours,
H B Lindsay

H B Lindsay

Aug. 17 7

Dear Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 16th
inst enclosing a letter from J A Worth
In reply to the communication
stated that I have recommended Capt
Ribaldo of Co, as in my opinion the person
contemplated in said bond, that, a
cousin of Capt's first wife.
I would thank you to inform
Mr Worth to comply with the
request.

Yours Resp
H B Lindsman
Recr

Mr Worthington
176 Arch St

Aug 17 7

Dear Sir:

Your communication of this date is received.

We suspended coining operations the first of the present month for necessary repairs, since which time we have been unable to furnish five cent coins in exchange for cents or U S Note.

I instructed the clerk who receives the nickel cent to notify all depositors of the unavoidable delay to which they would have to submit & which he has done in all cases.

I return the cent check herewith.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Mint

To
W H Stevens Esq
Treas & Mar Mint
Phila

Aug 19 7

Sir:

I enclose check for $34 50/100 rec'd in a communication from the Depart in payment of a Press rec for the Freedmen's Bureau, which I would thank you to have signed and return to me

Very Resp
H R Lindsman
Director

Fr
N Clark Esq
Chief Nat Cur Bureau
Treasy Depart
Washn

D C

Aug 19th 7

Gent:

In compliance with the request contained in yours of this date, I herewith present the total Coinage of the Mint since its establishment in 1793 to Dec 31st 1866 inclusive.

Also that of the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cal.

U. S. Mint 541.174.959.33
U S Br Mint San Francisco 234.046.869.79

To
Mess Edw Young & Co
144 So Cor St
Philada

Very Respy
W H Kinderdine
Director

The above does not include the Coinage at the Branch Mints formerly in operation at New Orleans, La Dahlonega, Ga, and Charlotte, N.C.

Aug 19 7

Sir:

The specimens sent are thankfully received, and are very fine; they will be placed in the Mint Cabinet.

In regard to ordering other specimens, I have to say, that mere copies of Coins attract but little attention on the part of our visitors. We have a small number of Beckers imitations of rare Roman Coins; and also some casts of Syrian Coins, received direct from the Duc, very difficult to distinguish from the genuine. They are useful, chiefly to teach us how to avoid impositions; but being known not genuine, they are not considered interesting. And generally, the Collectors here discourage the making of imitations, although it is frequently practised, upon our own and other Coins, with a fraudulent intent.

I may add, that we have some very fine specimens that are genuine. Our gold Octadrachm of Arsinoë, wife of Ptolemy Philadelphus, came direct from a missionary friend, who procured it from the finder; its beauty exceeds

that

that of either of the specimens you have sent us. We have also a very fine silver tetradrachm of the same station; a perfect one of Cyrenaica, and many others. These excite much interest.

Please inform Mr Sotby, if he has not left before you receive this, that we wish him to subscribe for the London Economist for the U S Mint; to pay the price for the current year of the magazine, and to get the back numbers if the year has started, so as to make a bound volume. If he has gone and if you will do this favor, we shall be much obliged and will forward the amount, not knowing at present what it is.

Yours &c
Wm P Kellogg
Director
H K Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher
Director's Clerk

To
B F Stevens Esq
U S Govt Despatch Agency
14 Henrietta St
Covent Garden
London
Eng

Aug 20 97

Gent:

In reply to yours of 19th inst. I would state that it is impossible to accede to your request. The nickel cent received from you have been melted, and as our stock on hand has been entirely exhausted I have no small coin to send you.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director's Clerk

To
Ingl Hartshorn Bro
No 11 Liespenard St
New York

Aug 21 7

Sir:

I return you for $1000 received in exchange of $2000 in scrip payable to the order of Stephen Nelson.

Be good enough to address your order to the Treasurer of Trust and make the scrip payable to his order.

Very Respy
Chicago Union Pacific R R Corporation
Land Office
Chicago
Ill

W. H. Ridgeway
Director
for O. Kacherth
Assistant Clerk

Aug 21 87

Gent

I herewith return C/Ks received in yours of 20th inst.

The Min cannot receive a C/K payable to the order of the Treasurer.

I enclose a circular giving you the necessary instruction

Yrs
Jerry Rusby
H K Linderman
Directors
per A Thacher Jr
Director & Clerk

To
Messrs Kirtland Wood & Co
20 Pine St
New York

Aug 22 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 21st inst.

I send you this day per Adams Express Co $500 in 5 Cent & $500 in 1 Cent Coin, which amount I hope will supply your immediate wants.

Upon taking the Machinery down it was found to require much more extensive repair than was anticipated, and in consequence will delay our resumption of operation until about the 15th Proximo, when I hope to be able to complete your order of $1,500 rec'd on 10th inst.

The above amount consumes about one half of our supply on hand.

Very Respy
H. K. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher
Treas

To
W. H. Fern Esq
Achilles Bair
New York

Aug 22 1851

Gentl:

I am in receipt of yours of 20th inst.

I would state in reply, that there is no record of an order, received from Nantucket N.H. for a Small Coin, to be shipped to your address, on the Books of the Mint.

Yr
Most Obedt Servt
Robt Ches

Guy Reed
H K Linderman
Director
pro A Thacher
Assistant Clerk

Aug 3 4

Gent.

Your remittance of Rifled Cat have all been received, except the one within, 200 Cr. shipped Aug 17th.

The enclosed Circular will explain the delay in making returns.

Yr Obt Svt
H. Lindenmeyer
& Son

To
Mr Geo. W. Fox & Co
101 & 103 E. 13th St
New York

per Express
Wm. Wachter
Executive Clerk

Accepted 23

J.

The Key containing 300 bbls Pickle Cut mentioned in your of 15th has not been received at this office

Yours

Leg Keeler
H K Linsley
Directors
p C Parker
Director Clerk

New Haven Rakr, Ct
New Haven
Co. inn.

310

Aug 28 57

Sir,

In reply to the inquiries contained in yours of 27 inst. I would state that the three and five cent coins are identical in composition, being three fourths parts copper and one fourth part nickel. The latest assays stand as follows.

3 Cents	24 grs Copper	8 grs Nickel	= 32 grs
5 "	57.62 "	19.24 "	= 77 grs.

The market value of nickel at the present time is $1.20 gold per lb avp: that of copper 26 Cents currency.

The weight of the silver quarter dollar is one fifth of an ounce troy or 96 grains. Silver coin generally sells in the market for about eighty cents the gold coin, so that a quarter dollar is commercially worth 23 Cents in gold. The relation fluctuates.

I must be brief, I say in regard to the rarity of the 1856 cent pieces, there are, I believe, only three or four of them in the state.

which give the legal tender, and upon the provision for redemption, in the case of the larger piece. The intrinsic value of such piece, is of no more interest or importance, than the intrinsic value of the paper on which fractional note are printed. Consequently, although anyone is able to figure out that value, yet it is not advisable to present it to the public and bring an idea that the Govt is making an enormous profit. Eventually it will be no profit, as a redemption in full must be provided for it, as it has been partly.

Very Respy,
H. R. Linderman
Director

To
Hon Alex McClure
Director
Bureau of Statistics
Treasy Dept
Wash'n
D.C.

Aug 24th 1

Sir:

Pursuant to law and the regulation of the Department, I have given notice before business hours this day, of the books, accounts, and money on hand in this office, which I have found of the following tenor, viz:

Aug. 23 1849

Sir

The minerals you sent in this office of iron chiefly. If you will let us know the percentage it will be necessary to lead the blast charge, five dollars.

Yours &c

R. P. Lowe

Dr. the Treasurer of the United States

To Cash received of Thos. Ellwood Cashier of the Farmers Bank of Wheeling Virginia

Ten thousand dollars

$10,000

Washington

R. P. Lowe

Aug 24 7

Sir:

Pursuant to law and the regulation of the Department, I made examination, before business hours this day, of the books, account, and monies on hand, in the Office of the Asst Treasurer of the U S at Philadelphia, and found a balance of $5460.018.31 which corresponds with his statement of accounts made at the close of business yesterday.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash viz

Certificates of temporary Loan $3.895.31

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Resp'y
Your Ob't Serv't
W. R. Lindsay
Assistant
Treasurer

Aug 24 7

Sir:

We made monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday 23 inst. & find the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint. viz

Gold	191.910.40
Silver	41.689.21
Bullion & ore	60.650.92
Copper	309.300.02
Minor Jackrons	13.687.42
Minor	883.83
total	$618.121.80

Corresponding with the balance as stated on that office books of account.

To
Hon Wm. McCulloch
Sec of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Respy
H. L. Linderman
Director

Aug 24 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 29th ult with the following enclosure

1 Statement of Expenses and Damage during the year

2 Statement of Localities from which the [illegible] received during the past Letter at your branch has been

Also receipts for postage stamps for the expense for [illegible] for yards & [illegible] for the [illegible] & [illegible]

[illegible] have [illegible] kept the [illegible] pertinent to the question raised by the Measurer. [illegible] from [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] the Solicitor [illegible]

W L Sanderson

question may be regarded as [illegible] while the law on the subject remains as it now is.

I deem it proper to remark that if the [illegible] made by the Measurer was allowed or

Aug 24th

R. B. Swain Esq
Superintendent
U. S. Branch Mint S.F.

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 29th ult in relation to the appointment of Deposit Melters at your branch has been received. The correspondence on this subject was submitted to me by the Department some time since for examination and report. I enclose herewith for your information a copy of my report to the Department on the question raised by the Treasurer. The views contained therein were found to agree with those entertained by the Solicitor of the Treasury and the question may be regarded as definitely settled while the law on the subject remains as it now is.

I deem it proper to remark that if the claim made by the Treasurer was allowed or

the

the law altered so as to vest the appointment of the Deposit melters in that officer; the operative officers could on the same grounds claim the right to appoint the workmen in their respective departments & the control of the business of the Mint or Branch Mint would pass out of the hands of the Chief Officer & there would practically be no head to the institution. On no subjects perhaps, have the laws been more carefully considered and prepared than in relation to the Mint and Coinage. These laws & the regulations established under them have protected alike the interests of the Government and the public, and should not be changed without good cause and after careful consideration by persons whose experience is of a character to enable them to form a correct opinion on the subject. I am, Sir &c

Very Respy
Yr obt svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

June 5th 7

Sir

I have carefully examined the correspondence enclosed to me in your letter of the 28th ult on the subject of the supervision of the deposit melters at the San Francisco Branch Mint by a representative of the Treasurer of that Institution and respectfully submit my views in relation to the same.

1. In regard to the principles involved in the subject.

The deposits being committed to the care of the Treasurer by Law he is evidently designed to be the guardian of the depositors interests until their value becomes known by melting, weighing after melting, and by assay. They are then, & should not be until then, under the control of the melter & refiner first, because it is the law and second, if he found by an approximate trial that his accounts were running rather short, he might be disposed to gather up the grains in the deposit room more liberally for his own account than for the Depositor. The proper duties of the Melter & Refiner in relation to deposits prior to his receiving them, is to give advice when asked by the Treasurer, on the best mode of melting deposits with a view to

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economy in the operation to making the fullest practical return to the depositor and to guarding the government against loss.

2d. In regard to the Treasurer's responsibility for deposits, they are of a moral, not a monetary character, because the deposits although in his hands, are not charged against him until delivered to the Melter & Refiner when each officer is simultaneously charged with the value after melting so that the Treasurer's money responsibility is transferred wholly & entirely to the Melter & Refiner about as soon as it becomes responsibility for value.

3d. The weigh-clerk who is appointed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury has access at all times to the deposit melting room & it is his duty under existing regulations to see that the usual & proper limits of loss in melting deposits are not exceeded. It is proper & necessary that this duty should be attended to by the weigher because he is the only one who has a full opportunity of examining each deposit & of noting the character of the same prior to the transfer thereof to the Deposit Melting Room. From all that appears in the correspondence the Chief Clerk has really no ground for complaint. The Supt & Treasurer each quote such parts of the (late) Director's letter of July 27, 1866 as reflect most their own views, & it is most probable that personal want of accord from causes unknown

to

is the root of the whole disagreement. The courtesy of gentlemen between the officers & their harmonious action, are essential for carrying on the Mint & Branches successfully. The Supt. if rightly disposed would not force upon the Treasurers melting room an obnoxious or incompetent person. Where the Treasurers suggestion or the Superintendents proposed appointment runs counter to the best judgment of the other it is very desirable to seek for a new nomination, if one is needed. It certainly was not intended that the legal power of the chief officers should be used despotically & without any deference to the wishes of the secondary officer who has to bear the responsibility. But it does not at all appear that Mr Swann has taken such a course. The law vests the appointment of the deposit melters in the Superintendent, but the Treasurer & his weigh clerk very properly have access at all times to the room in which the deposits are first melted & can give such supervision as is necessary to protect depositors on the one side, & the Government on the other. No alteration of existing regulations or additional supervision in the deposit melting room is in my judgment desirable or necessary. The correspondence relating to the subject is returned herewith.

Very Resp.y
Yr Obt Svt
(signed) A. R. Linderman
Director

Hon Thos. McCulloch
Sec. Treasy
Washington
DC

Aug 24 7

Sir:

As per request contained in your of 30th ult. I herewith enclose a copy of the third page of your letter of 29th July addressed to me.

I also enclose a copy of list of working dies for your Branch shipped per Adams Express Co on 22 inst

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Bo Mint,
San Francisco

Very Respy
A R Lindsman
Director
Encl per A. Kacheroy
Director's Clerk

(Copy)

Mint of the United States
Engravers Dep't
Aug 21st 1878

Working dies
Furnished by the Engraver for the Branch
Mint at San Francisco by order of
the Director – as follows
One box containing
Double Eagle 6 obverse dies marked 123.124.125
Do 3 Reverse " " " 129.131
Half Dollar 6 Obverse " " " 126.127.128
Do 3 Reverse " " " 130.131

In all 18 Working dies

(Signed) James B Longacre
Eng'r

Aug 26 '7

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 23d inst, I would state that the Certificate of the weight of Cent, received at the Mint, is delivered to the Express Co. When paid the Coin are delivered to the Express Co. for shipment and the Certificate redeemed.

Yo
Geo Langdon
Plymouth
Conn

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dr's Clk

Aug 26 1874

Sir:

I herewith enclose Aff cr 164 for $150 which came to hand this day. The duplicate was received some days since while this was in transit

Yo
First Nat Bk
Barre
Mass

Very Resp
H B Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Director & Cash

Aug 26 7

F. Hayden
Banker
24 Nassau St.
New York.

Advised of shipment several days ago by Iowa City Bank. Draft not yet received.

H. W. Lindeman
Director

Telegram

Aug 26 7

P. Cagler
Banker
24 Nassau St
New York

Package has
come to hand. Contains manufactured
gold value uncertain now being tested
will report to morrow.

J C Linderman
Director

Telegram

Aug 24. 7.

To Fried Krupp
Essen, Rhenish-Prussia

I desire to have manufactured at Your Works, Four pair of cast steel rolls, according to the drawing and communication of Mr Mr Kurr Kurr, enclosed herewith. The rolls to be made of the very best material and highest finish.

Please advise me as early as practicable of what price You will furnish the rolls and the time required to make & finish the same.

You refer in this to my firm Messrs. Yeoman & Porter and Co, as under the impression that You do not furnish these rolls. We think there must be some mistake about this as the same rolls are in use at the Works made by You several years ago.

Respectfully Yours,
R. L. Lindsay
Foundry & Mach.

Copy

[illegible]

Chy 6th 7

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

In turning the steel rolls & round
up the manufacture of the lime to be very careful to
remove the [illegible] points as [illegible] in the [illegible] A. A.
the necks or bearings of the rolls. B. the body of the roller. [illegible]
at the necks of the rolls A. A. be turned perfectly parallel and
truly true with the body B.; and the body B. be ground
to a perfect cylinder and must very hard as [illegible] possible so
as to allow [illegible] in the grinding necessary [illegible] to
true which will make the rolls last longer and then to make
the fillet as hard down in the turning and give the large
very fine finish so as to secure perfect accuracy in rolling

Respectfully Yours
(signed) Arthur [illegible]

P.S. Size of roll

Neck 12½ in long 5½ in. diam
do 24 " " 5½ "
Body 16 " " 8 "

Arthur [illegible]

Aug 26 7

Sir:

All mechanics whose absence from duty, during the repairs to the Point, exceeds Fifteen days, will thereafter be placed on the half pay list until they resume work.

H B Sanderson
Director

To
J B Jongers Esq
Engineer
U S Point

Aug 26 7

Sir:

All employés, whose absence from duty, during the repairs to the Mint, exceeds Fifteen days, will thereafter be placed on the half pay list, until they resume work.

W Robinson
Director.

To
A L Snowden Esq
Asst Dirr
U S Mint

Telegram

Clay 26 67

Sir:

All employés who are absent from duty, during the repairs to the Mint, exceed Fifteen days, will thereafter be placed on the half paylist, until they resume work.

H. Lee Lenderman

To
J. E. Hoover Esq
Master Mechanic
Mint

Telegram

Aug 26 7

First National Bank
Iowa City
Iowa.

Package forwarded by you aug 21st contains combination of base metals of little value.

H R Linderman
director

Aug 27 7

Client.

I am in receipt of yours of 26th inst enclosing duplicate bill for 4 Cases Nickel, amounting to $4.244.59. In payment of which I enclose Jay Cooke & Co on Jay Cooke & Co N.Y. No 2416 for same amt.

Very Respy

To

Mess Vanhart McCoy & Co. H R Lundeman

New York Directo

Aug 27th 7

Mr P. Hayden
24 Nassau st N York

Sir

I have your favor of yesterday. I suppose my second telegram of yesterday advising of receipt of package from Iowa City Bank, and of the doubtful character of the contents, was received after your letter was mailed. A partial test of the deposit proved it to contain but a slight percentage of gold & it was rejected & returned to the Exp Company's agent. The Assayer is now engaged in making a careful and thorough Analysis of a sample of the mixture (principally base metal) and the result will be stated to the Iowa City Bank. This rather clever imitation of gold dust, grains &c, was no doubt fraudulently imposed on the Bank.

Very Respectfully
M. R. Leidersmann
Director

Aug 27th 7

W. H. Hubbard Esq. Cashr
Iowa City Bank

Sir

Three bags containing a mixture of various base metals resembling to some extent native grains of Gold, purporting to come from your bank and no doubt referred to in your letter of 21st inst were received at the Mint yesterday by Express. The alloy had a suspicious appearance and a partial test at once revealed its comparitively worthless character. It was accordingly rejected and returned to the Express agent. I immediately advised you of the doubtful character of the contents of the package by telegram. A careful and thorough test of the mixture or composition is now being made by the Assayer of the Mint, the result of which when completed will be sent to you.

Very Respectfully &c
A. R. Linderman
Director

Aug 29 7

Hon. Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir:

In reply to yours of 26th inst. I would state that the machine for rolling nickel has been in operation but a few days, and from its crude and imperfect condition, it will not be prudent to recommend the expenditure of fifty thousand dollars in doubtful experiments, which would be required to enable the Treasurer to pay gold deposits during the suspension of coinage operations, for repairs to machinery. It was thought the amount of coin on hand when we suspended operations on the 1st inst. would be sufficient to pay deposits received during the time required for repairs. The machinery when taken apart was found in a much more worn condition than was at first supposed, this, together with the fact of our supply of water having been shut off by the City for some days on account of injury to the waterworks by the recent heavy storms, caused a longer suspension of coinage operations than it was contemplated would be necessary. Be pleased to give this subject your immediate consideration.

Very Respectfully &c.
W. Pollock Superintendent

Aug 29th 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir:-

I have to request that you will cause an increase of $250.000. (Two hundred & Fifty thousand dollars) in double Eagles to be made to the Bullion fund of the Mint. This increase is required to enable the Treasurer to pay gold deposits during the suspension of coinage operations, for repairs to machinery &c. It was thought, the amount of coin on hand when we suspended operations on the 1st inst, would be sufficient to pay deposits received during the term required for repairs. The machinery when taken apart was found in a much more worn condition than was at first supposed. This, together with the fact of our supply of water having been shut off by the City for some days on account of injury to the waterworks by the recent heavy storms, caused a longer suspension of coinage operations than it was contemplated would be necessary. Be pleased to give this subject your immediate consideration &c.

Very Respectfully &c
H R Linderman
Director

Sir:

Aug 29 1876

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication from Dr W. B. Bonzano, Special Agent in charge of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, in relation to the repairs necessary to place that Institution in a condition for coinage operations.

The particulars do not require the coinage of gold or silver at New Orleans, but are necessary to use the building for coinage purposes to preserve the title to the valuable lot on which it is located, and there being a demand for the five cent nickel-copper coin in the Southern States, provision for striking the coin at New Orleans should be made as soon as practicable.

It is questionable how far the authority to coin gold or silver can be exercised at New Orleans, under existing laws, as the Branch was expressly established for the coinage of gold and silver.

This can however be no objection to making the repairs [illegible]

provided there are sufficient available funds for that purpose.

If the balances standing to the credit of the appropriation for the support of that Institution, at the breaking out of the Rebellion, are available for Branch Mint expenses there will be no obstacle in the way of putting the Institution in condition for Coinage operations.

Authority for the Coinage of 5 cent pieces should be obtained from Congress at the approaching Session, also whatever action is necessary for the appointment of a Superintendent and Assayer, the only Officers that will be required if the Branch is confined to the Coinage of market Copper and Assaying Gold and Silver.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Secy Treasy,
&c &c &c

Respy
Your Obt Svt
Wm Pollock
Director

(Copy)

Aug 26th 1867

[illegible]

[illegible] Ordered for active operations to the troops [illegible] the following work should not be taken in hand [illegible] the auditory roll, benches [illegible] of [illegible] for the Mint & Copper [illegible] for the [illegible] and gold working [illegible] Patterns of the [illegible] and all other work of the [illegible] including the [illegible] of a building, [illegible] work, which will be [illegible] good work. Here, in the [illegible] of gold, be [illegible] for [illegible] gold [illegible] without, as the [illegible] were [illegible] to the [illegible] of the rebellion, and have not [illegible] to do all respectful, [illegible] to store [illegible]. The patterns [illegible] can be [illegible] at the [illegible] place, the [illegible]

and finishing can be done at the Machine shop of the Mint.

3 The Assayer's laboratory is in such a state of disorder as to require very extensive repairs, and the supply of a number of articles enumerated in my former report on the subject. Many pieces of apparatus, such as the tanks for the normal solution, the agitator, roll, bench and table can be repaired and replaced by workmen to be employed for that purpose and with a small outlay for material. In addition to the articles mentioned in my former report there will be required a complete apparatus for the Assay of Nickel Alloys. I would also respectfully suggest that the platinum apparatus, lately introduced into the Mint here, for the Assay of gold, be provided for the New Orleans Branch.

4. The steam boiler and main-engine require a thorough overhauling, the boiler may need some patching, though they are generally in very good order, as a late inspection has shown.

5. Crucibles and cupping-presses, are back

and milling machine required to be taken to pieces, which may prevent the necessity of making some slight repairs.

To accomplish the work here proposed, to wit, the close of the present year, I have to propose that the Capitale require a force consisting of four machinists, at from 3½ to 4½ dollars per day, 2 Carpenters and pattern makers at from $3 - 3.75 - 1 blacksmith at $4, and three laborers at $2.50 per day. Upon an addition to the force employed at present consists of a foreman, one machinist, one carpenter, and one laborer, whose wages are respectively, $3.50, $4, $3 and $2 per day. In addition to these men who are constantly and exclusively occupied in keeping the machinery and boilers in order, there are also employed, one Captain and four watchmen. The salary of the Captain is $2, that of the watchmen $1.50. These salaries were fixed during the war, and are now entirely too low as compared with those paid by private

parties.

parties.

In a late communication to the Secretary of the Treasury I have asked his attention to this subject and requested authority to raise the wages of the Captain to $3 and those of the watchmen to $2.30. The employment of the additional force proposed will increase the payroll by about $900 per month, making a total expense for labor about $1.900 per month.

For the purchase of bricks, lumber, castings, hardware &c a sum of $3.000 will be required.

Very Respectfully
Your ob Serv't
Signed M. F. Bonzano
Special Agt Treas Dept

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director U.S. Mint.

Aug 30th 87

Geo. W. Lane Esq
Supt for Mint Denver
Colo

The annual statements of deposits, coinage &c of the Branch Mint under your charge, are now needed in making up the tables for the Directors Report of the operations of the U. S. Mint and Branches for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1887.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director

Aug 30th

George F. Dunning Esq
Supt Assay Office N.Y.

Dr Sir:

The annual statements of deposits, coinage &c of the Branch under your charge, are now needed in making up the tables for the Director's Report of the operations of the U.S. Mint and Branches for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1867.

Very Respectfully
H R Linderman
Director

Aug 30 71

Sir:

I have to request that you will advise the Collector of the Port of New York, to pass through the Custom House free of duty Three Cases per Steamer "City of Boston" marked ✠ 731. 2. & 3, containing the Hills Engraving Machine for the use of this Mint.

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

The Machine Chestnut St
below Front

To
Hancock Cut Co
Cap Island
N.Y.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Haskins
Pro Tem

Aug 30 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 28th inst.

The Mint at present is in a state of confusion consequent upon operations having been suspended a short time for the purpose of repairing the machinery, and renovating the building.

If you will call hereon I shall be happy to show you that part of the Institution which is in operation.

The location is Chestnut St below Broad,

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Ck

To
Lancaster Owl Cy
Cape Island
NJ.

Aug 30 1847

Sir:

In reply to yours of 24th inst, I would state that the redemption of the Copper Cent ceased in 1846.

Yo
W Alcyroe
Bristol
Conn.

Very Respy
H R Robinson
Assistant
for A Thacher Jr
Dr of Mint

Aug 30 /

Cont:

On the 1st of Sept you will reduce the number of pounds of ice delivered on the Melting & Refining side one third.

Very Resp
H R Linderman
Director
per A Lacher
Sec & Clk

To
Mess Krekow & Hamb

Sept 2nd

From Cyrus W Field N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I beg to call your attention to my letter of the 5th ult concerning the medal ordered to be struck at the U.S. Mint by the government for presentation to yourself. The artist in charge wishes to obtain a good profile likeness & therefore desires to be informed when it may be convenient to give him a sitting therefor.

Very Respectfully &c
A. L. Linderman
Director

Feb 2 4

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 31st ult. enclosing transfer of one Asst Treasr U. S. Philada for $250.00 Con. Certificate.

The transfer has been made

To
Hon. E. Spencer
Treasr U S
Washn
Ohio

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
W. L. Dunseath
Recvr

Sept 2 1867

Sir:

In reply to your inquiries of the 30th ult, concerning a lot of spurious grain offered as a gold deposit on your account, I would state, that the condition of the bags, four in number, when received here, was in entire correspondence with your description, and nothing but an imitation of the stamps and seals could make room for any apprehension that the parcel was exchanged, or in any way tampered with in its transit.

As soon as the bags were opened and the fraud observed, a little (one ounce) was taken out for a qualitative examination, and then the clerk too promptly, as I think, returned the parcel to the express agent. In doing so, sealed the bag with a new seal. It has come back to us this morning by request, for a more specific analysis, and our seal found to be intact

Telegram

As to the spurious character you may rest assured of that; but the mixture is new and ingenious, and if the gilding had been done better it would have been quite deceptive, yet it somewhat baffles the test by nitric acid.

I have this day returned to your address by Adams Express & through, I use the four bags.

I cannot yet be prepared to say what the parcel is worth, but probably the platinum in it would amount to near $50 in gold.

First Nat. Bank
Iowa City,
Iowa

Very Respy
H B Lindsman
Director

Sept 3 '7

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 9th ult. with the following enclosures.

1 Statement of Condition of Branch at the close of July.
2 " " Localities from whence deposit of Bullion were received.
3 " " Deposits & Coinage
4 List of Unpaid Warrants at close of July
5 Certificate of transfer of Parting Charge Also Diagram and order for one dozen Tile which shall have immediate attention.

Very Respy
H B Linderman

To
Robt B Swain Esq
Supt Branch Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Sir
The Director has much pleasure in expressing his satisfaction at the manner in which you have performed the duties of your office during the absence of Mr Linderman
H B Linderman
Director

Sept 3 /7

Sir

I herewith transmit report of Supt Branch Mint, San Francisco exhibiting the result of the usual monthly count & examination, made at the close of business on the 31st day of July last.

To
Hon Hugh McCulloch Sec'y Treasury
Sec'y of Treasury
Coast
&c

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
H B Lendenman
Director

After me respectfully to suggest that the deficiency in the accounts reported by the Superintendent, should be made good without further delay.

H B Lendenman
Director

Sept 4 7

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 30 inst inclosing check on Avit Beaver U S Phila for $3.00.

I have this day shipped to your address per Adams Express Co

1 Ant Cow	$200
5 " "	$500
	$700

The balance of the 5th Cows to complete your order will be forwarded as soon as possible.

Yours Respy
H. Kindleman
Pierce Co

Maj. E. Spencer
Prov. U S
Washington
N.C.

Sept 6 7

Sir

The enclosed 5 cent Coin, received in yours of 3rd inst, are genuine.

The omission of the bars was made last July by order of the Secy of Treasy

Albert F Carpenter E. Very Kelly
Central Rlr Jr R Lundeman
R. S. Director

Sept 6.

James B. Longacre Esq,
Engraver
Dear Sir.

I desire to call your attention to the inferior character of our Bronzing of Copper Medals, as compared with bronzing of same medals in England and France and will thank you for such suggestions as you may think proper to present looking to an improvement in the bronzing of our Medals

Respectfully
H R Linderman
Director

Sept 6 / 7

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 23rd ult. enclosing duplicate bill of lading the Hill Engraving Machine and the expenses attending the shipment.

Herewith enclose Drexel & Co's draft of exchange, on Brown Shipley & Co London Eng. for £746. 4. 3 & 10 & 8 cts in payment of same.

In a former letter I requested you to order for the Mint, the London Economist, commencing with the present year. I now yet obtain a statement of Banking & Mining business. If you think the "Money Market Review" is more likely to serve the purpose, please to substitute that if not too late.

Awaiting an acknowledgment of the receipt

I remain
Very Respt
H. Reichenbach

To
R. & Steven C.
14 Nassau St.
Cincinnati Ohio

Sept 7 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 6th inst.

I would state in reply that the Nickel Cent received from you have been melted some days ago.

Operation will be resumed in about two weeks, when your coin will be forwarded.

Very Resp.
W. H. Lindenman
Director

To
A N Crocker Esq
196 Conway St.
Balto. Md

Sept 7 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 6th inst. I would state that the Mint has received a large number of nickel Cents from other parties in New York besides yourself.

When operations are resumed, which will be in about ten days, remittance of final Com will be made within a week after the receipt of the nickel Cents.

To
Walter Palmer Esq.
18th St & Av B
New York

Very Respy
W B Lindeman
Director

Sept 11 71

Genl:

I am in receipt of your of the inst enclosing bill of expense for shipping 3 Cases containing Engraving Machine for the Mint.

You will please forward me duplicate bill receipted for the amount & I will remit the amount

Yrs

Irvin, Molley & Co
34½ Pine St
New York

Respectfully
A R Lindeman
Director

Jet 1 04

Mr. Sanborn of yours of 2d inst.

The bag of deer heads received at the Mint this day.

Weight 86.92 oz.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
W. R. Lindsay
Director
per Attest of
W. E. Cox

Sept 8th 7

Jacob R. Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer U.S. Mint
Sir

Referring to the experiments made at the Mint on Aluminum for coinage and to the manifest advantages of this metal for the fractional coinage over other metals as far as the same can be determined by experiments on a small scale, it is ordered that the capacities and adaptation of this metal for coinage be tested on a working scale. The loss in melting and any especial points observed in its manipulation will be noticed and reported. The operative officers of the Mint are charged with this duty. They will submit for the Director approval the quantity of aluminum proposed to be purchased for the trial and the cost thereof. Very Respectfully

N R Snowden
Dir

Sept 8th 7

Dan. C. Booth Esq
Melter and Refiner U.S. Mint

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Very Respectfully &c
A Rahnderson
Director

Sept 8th

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Engraver U. S. Mint

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Very Respectfully &c
W. Kendrick
Director

Sept 8th 7

A. London Snowden Esq.
Chief-Coiner U.S. Mint
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Very Respectfully &c
R. Patterson
Director

Sept 19 7

Sir

I am in receipt of your of 6th inst. & do
reply to your inquiries. I would state
1st the most cost effective way to
[illegible] the [illegible] would be
to share it.
2 The bridge is not yet complete, but it
contains a span 33 feet of Howe truss
4 land girders (the girders) the rest chord,
copper, with a little silver; a separate
truss and one row calculated to decide.
3 I reply to your inquiry 3 & not wood
[illegible] I could say No!

Your Nr of 30th was received,
but could not be answered until the
[illegible] by [illegible] & [illegible]
[illegible] fact, which was done & con-
tained in my letter of 7th inst.

To
Cost - per Max Park
Iowa City
Iowa

Very Respy
H K Linderman
Director
per A Ro[illegible]
[illegible] Clerk

Sept 8th 7

Sir

I have your favor of the 4th inst. We have no printed table of U.S. coins &c., but the information you desire will be found in the Digest of Mint Laws, published for use of the Mint and Branches, a copy of which is herewith mailed to your address. Therein you will find the old, as well as the present legal standards of weight, fineness &c.

There has been nothing published yet upon the subject of "a common standard of coins for all countries", but I will notice it in my Annual Report to the Secretary of the Treasury, which will be presented to Congress at its next session. Meanwhile I enclose for your information an Extract from a letter of the Director of the Mint to the Treasury department, dated Dec 31 1872 by which you will observe that the basis adopted by the Paris Conference is the same as therein proposed.

I shall be pleased to learn your views

concerning

concerning the wisdom and feasibility of this movement, not having formed any decided opinion upon the subject, but willing to conform to the current of legislative and popular sentiment. I have doubts whether England will change her standard, and I do not know how our obligations will be affected by reducing the value of the gold dollar 3½ per cent.

But if a change is to be made, a time of non-payment of specie is the most opportune.

I am, Sir
Very Respectfully &c
H. R. Lunderman
Director

Hon. John V. L. Pruyn.
Albany
N.Y.

[Extract Letter December 3rd 1862. Director U.S. Mint to Treasury Department. See Directors files.]

"A simple plan might be suggested for harmonizing the gold coinage of the U.S. not only with that of England, but also of France, Germany and other European states. The French system is the only one founded upon scientific principles and ought to be the basis of any international currency. According to this 3100 francs are coined from a kilogramme of gold of the fineness of 900 thousandths (nine-tenths). A coin of 25 francs must be worth in our present currency $4.82½. This is very near the worth of a Sovereign and as that coin is a legal tender in England at its nominal value even after it has lost a half grain, (say two cents) which brings it down to $4.84. It would be no great concession to reduce it to $4.82½. If we could then persuade England to adopt the nine-tenths fineness and to make 12½ Sovereigns at the kilogramme and at the same time reduce the weight of our half eagle to the same measure we should have as complete a concurrence as can be hoped for. As experiment, our Sovereign, the half eagle

and

and a piece of 25 grains would then be alike in weight, fineness and value. The shilling would be 25 cents; the franc 20 cents, & it would also have a definite relation to the currency systems of Austria, Prussia and the German States, which by Convention have adopted the half-kilogramme as their money-weight or "zollpfund"; and a gold crown is coined by them at the rate of 90 to the kilogramme. 90 cents. The franc of Belgium, and the lira of Italy are already in unison with the franc of France. The weight proposed would be very nearly 124 grains for the half-eagle instead of 129 as at present, and by introducing the precision of the kilogramme, we should take an important step towards discarding grains, with their descendant multiples, the pennies and ounces troy and avoirdupois."

Sept 10 /7

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of $44.275 (Forty four thousand two hundred & seventy five Dolls.) it being the amount due the U S. Mint for the quarter ending Sept 30th 1867 as follows.

Salaries	9.125
Wages	31.250
Incidentals & Contingent Exps	2.500
Specimen of Ores & Com	150
Freight on Bullion	1.250
	$44.275

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treas'y
Washington
D C

Sam
Cur Keeper
H Linderman
Director

Feb 16 7

Sir

The mineral specimen which you sent, supposing it to be silver, is nothing but a combination of iron and sulphur, and is entirely worthless.

Very Respy
H. K. Lindsman
Secretary
per A. Thacher
Director Cab

Eng Proce
Stewartsville
DeKalb Co
Mo

Sept 11 74

Cent.

Please find enclosed $10.98 in payment of bill received in your of 10th inst.

Mess Young & Willey
34½ Pine St
New York

Yours Resp
H C Lindsleyman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Director's Clerk

Sept 11.

Mess Johnson & Morris &c.

Gentlemen

Your proposition to supply the Mint with Oak Charcoal on the terms & conditions stated in your letter of 6th inst, is accepted.

Very Respectfully
W. B. Lawrence
Director

Sept 11 7

Gent:

Your letter of 15th Aug addressed to the Sec'y of Treasy, in relation to an Express charge of $1.00 on $100 Currency returned to you by the Mint has been referred to me.

I would state in reply, that your request to return a check could not be complied with as the Mint does not issue checks or bills of Exchange of any description. The check received from you had taken the usual course, delivered to the Treasurer and his receipt taken therefor. that officer collecting the check on the day of receipt, and the proceeds deposited in his vault, until the order is filled.

It is obvious to a business man that a check should be drawn on the day of receipt, for in case of delay, the drawer might stop payment then the holder would have no claim on

the drawer of the check; and doubtful whether a claim could be substantiated against an endorser

Myslow Colwood & Co
Rockford
Ill.

Very Respy
H R Duncan
Director

Sept 12 /7

Sir:

In reply to your communication of 11th inst. I would state that as the repairs are about completed you might expect return from a shipment of Nickel Cent in from 3 to 4 weeks.

G H Salisbury
436 Greenwich St
New York

Very Resp'y
J C Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir's Clk

Sept 12 7.

W. Y. Moore Esq
My dear Sir,

I have recently received a series of experiments on Aluminium for the purpose of coinage. It possesses manifest advantages over all other metals except Gold and Silver. I advise for your acceptance two specimens of such coins coined of pure aluminum, one for the President and one for yourself.

Very Truly Yours,
H. Landsman
Director

Sept 12 /7

Sir

The bearer Mr Wm Barber, is the artist referred to in my former letter, who visits you for the purpose of preparing an accurate profile likeness of yourself preparatory to the execution of a medal ordered by Congress.

You will please afford him the necessary sittings.

Hon Cyrus W Field
New York

Very Respy
H K Sherman
Director
per A Thacher
Director's Clerk

Sept 12 1

Sir:

Please find enclosed your ck on National Park Bank, New York, No 16931, for $200, received in your letter of the 5th inst, returned to me this day. No Funds.

Horace Steele Esq
Kinnosville
Ky

Very Respy
H R Kinderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Directors Clerk

A G Devance Esq
Asst Treas
St Louis
Mo

Sept 14 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 11th inst. received this day, I would state, that for the past two months Mining operations at the Mint have been suspended, for the purpose of making necessary repairs to the machinery. Operations will be resumed within ten days. If you will remit the amount you desire in small Coin your order shall have prompt attention.

Very Resp.
H R Linderman
Director

A G Edwards Esq
Asst Treas
St Louis
Mo

Sept 16 '4

Genl.

You will hereafter stop the supply of Ice in the afternoon. there is sufficient left from the morning supply for the night watchmen.

On Sunday morning leave 40 lbs.

Mess Kershaw & Hunt.

Very Resp
A Thacher
Director Clerk

Sept 16 /7

Dear Sir

Your favors of the 14th (two) have been received.

I agree with you, that the Expenditures at N O should be light, until matters there assume a definite shape.

I read Garnet's letter of last Monday but, nothing since then.

I send you by Adams Express a copy of the Circular relative to the purchase of Mules & Cats.

Jno Jay Knox Esq
Wash

Yrs Truly
H K Bickerman
Director
per A Thacher
Dr Ck

Oct 11

Gent

In reply to yours of 13th inst. I would state that the delay in filling your order for small Cin. is in consequence of necessary repairs being made to the Mill & Machinery.

After operations are resumed, which will be within ten days, order for small Cin will be filled promptly within a few days of receipt.

Yours

Mess Brenizer Kellogg & Co
Charlotte
N C

Geo Kepley
W Rundemann
Director

Sept 18 7

Sir,

The request contained in your of 16th inst, for an extension of one week to your leave of absence is granted.

E J Nadal
Middlebury Vt

Very Respy
H K Zimmerman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir C&R

The only alteration in the warrant would be to place the space for value on the right hand side, and the lines (3) for G. S. & Dates on the left, so that the addition of the different amounts can be made without glancing from one side to the other.

After making the above alteration you will please send me a sample of each with the price per thousand.

National Bank Note Co
No 1 Wall St
New York

Very Respy
~~H. Blunderman~~
Director

Sept 18 74

Sir

Referring to the design received from you some days since I would suggest the following alterations.

The engraving on the body of the receipt to be the same as on the slip of paper.

The gold to be brought to a orange black, the silver to green black.

The numbers not to be painted. Make the word "United States" the same color as the bank.

The line for the plate for the signature to be of black.

The words "Received" and "Dollars" to be bold upright and all the letters in black as plain as possible.

The receipt should be printed in books of 1000 each. Four on a page with a small margin left.

To be the same design for both gold & silver.

Sept 20 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of date received this day, I would state that the specimen enclosed, is yellow mica of unusually rich color.

Geo Kontz
Mytown P O
Highland Co
Ga.

Very Respy
H Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Clk

Sept 20 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of the 19th inst.

I have shipped to your address by Adams Express Co. 500 in 5¢ Cin.

We expect to resume operations next week when the balance of your order of the 2d inst will be forwarded

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treas U.S.
Washn
D.C.

Very Resp'y
Your ob't Serv't
A. Lindeman
Director

Sept 26 -

Sir

I am in receipt of your of the 19th inst.

You proposal to supply the Mint with a first class Standard, State Balance (five feet) & set of standard weights, 300 C. cent weight & the weight of 300 oz. - and for seventeen hundred dollars ($1700.00) is hereby accepted.

Before commencing work on the balance you will obtain from the Weigh Clerk the detail as to position &c &c.

Henry Drexler Esq

By Order
H. Linderman
Director
per A. Kacher
Ass Clk

Sept 20 1

Sir:
I have to request that you will obtain for the Mint a few gold Coin of France struck since 1862.
Please send them to me by Express.

Geo. F. Dunning Esq
Sup. U.S. Assy Office
New York

Very Resty
W. H. Lindermann
Director

Sept 21 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 19th inst.

I have shipped to your address this day by Adams Express Co $410. 110 in 2 Cent Pieces and 300 in 5 Cent.

We expect to resume Coining operations next week when the balance of your order of $10.000 will be forwarded

To. T. B. Chandler, Esq
Asst Treasr U.S.

Yours Truly
W. E. Burdett
Director

Boston
Mass

Sept 21 7

Sir: I am in receipt of yours of 28th ult enclosing estimate for the support of your Branch for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1869.

The box containing the Assay Coin of your Branch for the month of July has been received.

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Resp
H B Linderman
Director

Feb 5th 1841

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with the following information at your earliest convenience.

1st Is there a Refinery of gold and silver connected with the national Mint of Russia?

2nd Can the owners of Bullion deposit it for coinage, before having it parted or refined?

I have, Sir, the honor to be &c

Your most obt Svt

H R Linderman

Director

To the

Baron de Stoeckl

Russian Legation

Washington

D.C.

Sept. 21st

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with the following information at your earliest convenience.

1st Is there a Refinery of gold and silver connected with the National Mint of Austria?

2nd Can the owners of Bullion deposit it for coinage, before having it parted or refined?

I have, sir, the honor to be &c

Your most obt. svt

A R Lindsay

Director

To the

Count Wydenbruck

Austrian Legation

Washington

D.C.

Sept 21st

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with the following information at your earliest convenience.

1st Is there a refinery of gold and silver connected with the National Mint of Prussia?

2nd Can the owners of bullion deposit it for coinage before having it parted or refined?

I have, Sir, the honor to be &c
Your most obt svt
A R Lindsay
Director

To the
Baron F. de Grote
Prussian Legation
Washington
D.C.

7

Sir,

I have the honor to request that you will give me the information desired in the following questions at your earliest convenience.

1. Is there a refinery of Gold and Silver connected with the National Mint of Austria?

2. Can the owners of bullion deposit it therein for coinage, before having it parted or refined?

I have the honor to be &c.

Your most obt. Svt.

Director

To the

American Legation
Vienna
Austria

Sept 21st

Sir:

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with the following information at your earliest convenience.

1. Is there a refinery of gold and silver connected with the National Mint of Prussia?

2. Can the owners of bullion deposit it therein for coinage, before having it parted or refined?

I have, Sir, the honor to be &c

Your most obt svt

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Director

To the
Hon George Bancroft
American Legation
Berlin
Prussia

Mint Dec 7

Sir

I have the honor to request that you will furnish me with the following information at your earliest convenience.

1. Is there a refinery of gold and silver connected with the National Mint of Russia?

2nd Can the miners of Bullion deposit it therein for coinage, before having it parted or refined?

I have the honor to be &c

Your most obt Svt

J. Rodman Mason

Director

Hon C. M. Clay
American Legation
St Petersburg
Russia

Sept 24 4

Sir:

In reply to yours of 20th inst I would state that the Coinage operations of the Mint are about being resumed.

Your order of July 28th will have prompt attention. It will be shipped probably within a week.

Very Resp.
A Boudinot
Director

pr Nat'l Bank
New Albany
Ind

Sept 24 /7

Sir:

In reply to your of 23 inst I would state that the Mint has no Coin of back date except in the Cabinet.

A few Nickel Cent of 1856 were struck and issued by the Mint.

I. H. Caldwell Esq
Assistant Treasurer
Port of New York

Very Respy
W. Kendrick
Director

W. Kendrick
Director

Sept 24 /7

Sir:

I invite your attention to the enclosed communication from Prof Booth the Melter & Refiner of the Mint, in relation to the character of the Gold and Silver bars received from your office. I am of opinion that in cases where bullion has undergone the operations of melting, parting, and refining at your office, the resulting bars should be of a character suitable for coinage and not require toughening here.

Very Respy
W H Vanderburgh
Director

Geo F Deming Esq
Supt U S Assay Office
New York

Sept 24 '7

Dr A R Linderman
Director of the U S Mint
Dear Sir

As we have commenced working silver, we find a lot received from the N. Y. Assay Office, the last lot, which is so objectionable in two points that the Asst M & B & myself deem it proper to call your attention to it. 1. It is very base & not knowing its origin, we know the cause of its baseness. Hence it is difficult for us to work it up into coin or into metal suitable for coinage, & hence too the just complaint of the Coiner in such cases, & this is far from being an isolated case. When we know the origin of the base, & especially when we see the silver deposit, from which they are made, it is easier by far to adopt some mode of toughening the metal. Would it not be better on this account, as well as to avoid doubtful adjustment between the Mint & Assay Office, to require of the latter to send only metal of a quality suitable for Coinage. 2. The fineness of the whole lot of silver was so much below the standard, that it was inconvenient, as it often was, to find the silver enough to bring it up to standard. It has sometimes been the practice of the Assay Office to send subsequently a lot of pure silver to make up for the deficiency but this obliges us to keep the base on hand much to our inconvenience, & the absorption of so much of the bullion fund. Could not the Assay Office just as well be inconvenienced in both these points as ourselves?

Respectfully Yours

Sept 25th 7

Sir:

In answer to yours of 23rd inst would state that coinage operations at the Mint are about being resumed, when your order of July 25th will receive prompt attention. It will be shipped to your address in a week or ten days. If you desire any additional amount your draft must be forwarded, when it will be filled according to date of entry upon the books of the Mint.

Very Respectfully &c
W K Anderson
Director

First National Bank
Union City
Ind.

Sept 23d 1

Sir

In reply to yours of 20th inst I would state that the coinage operations of the Mint are about being resumed. Your order will probably be shipped within a week or ten days.

Very Respectfully &c
W. Linderman
Director

George M. Neff Esq
U. S. Depository
Cincinnati
O.

Sept 26 7

Sir:

at the close of business hours yesterday, 25th inst. I made examination of the books accounts, and monies on hand in the Office of the Ass't Treasurer of the U.S. at Phila. and found a balance of $5.303.354.07 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the above amount the following was counted as Cash. viz Certificate of Temporary Loan $2.540.49

Hon Hugh McCulloch Very Resp'y
Sec'y of Treasury Yr obt Svt
Washington H Lindeman
Director

Ap 20th 7

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday 25th inst exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Institution

Gold	$ 2.111.00
Silver	$ 35.004.64
Ordinary ass	$ 71.320.57
Copper	$ 70.560.50
Bills on San Francisco	$ 13.687.42
" " Denver	$ 803.83
	$ 193.774.96

Corresponding with the balance as stated on the Office books of account

Nan Hoyt McCullock
Sec of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

Sept 26 7

Sir.

In reply to yours of 23rd inst, I would state, that we examine such specimens, and report the proportion of gold, silver, and lead; not carrying the analysis any farther. The Mint charge is five dollars (currency) in each case. About two ounces of each will be enough, and it should be as free from the earthy matrix as practicable.

J E Klauprecht
Louisville
Ky

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director

Sept 26th

Dear Sir:

We have read the first no of the Economist, & find it answers our purpose better than the Money-market Review; & therefore recall what was said in a former letter, desiring to continue the Economist. We are much obliged for your attentions. Our last letter to Messrs Coates containing an order for some coins for our Cabinet, did not reach him. I should be much obliged if you would procure for us, of Lincoln & Son, or other dealers in coins, 1. A pound £1, of the oldest and largest, but we do not wish a rare type; 2. A pound sterling of Australia, of recent date, say since 1850; 3. Any coin of Ireland either governmental or private, either ancient or modern. Please send them in such way as you consider most suitable, and forward the account to me.

Very respectfully &c
J. Lindenmuller
Dist Sec

J. R. Stevens Esq
London
England

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Feb 1 28 4

Sir

I am in receipt of your of 25th inst and would reply to your inquiries as follows.

1 Have there any Copper Ores been found Yes:

1 Have any Nickel Ores been found. No:
Only a few Strays for specimen

3 Have there any Copper Ores been found Yes:

Yrs & Wrote
Rev J. Kelly
Alex Ridsdale
Secy
per A Thacker
for Clk

A. C. Post Office
New York

Sept. 26. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

Mr Barber has returned from New York, having made while there a letter cast of Hon Cyrus W. Field. The endorsed note from Mr Field, states that the Model is a good one & satisfactory to him. This being the case I propose to direct Mr Barber to proceed with the work.

As soon as a complete model of the proposed Medal can be made we propose to cut the die on the Hill Engraving Machine, lately imported from London, which is now ready for use.

As far as we have been able to test the Hill Engraving Machine it has proven very satisfactory. I will report fully on its merits as soon as more thorough trials have been made.

If you have any suggestions or instructions in relation to the Field Medal please let me hear from you as early as convenient in order that the work may proceed.

I have the pleasure of informing you, that we have this day, resumed our Coining operations, and that the new Annealing Furnaces, and repaired Engines, Cutting and Stamping Presses, are found to work with entire satisfaction.

The Engines work very smoothly and give us an increase of 40 per cent in power. When taken down they were found in a much more defective condition than was at first supposed. We are now able to drive the Machinery with great regularity & steadiness.

In the course of the next two weeks some additional repairs to the Melter & Refiners Furnaces, flues & chimneys, will be completed, when the Mint will be in a better condition than it has been for years past.

With great Respect,
I Rolande on an
Director.

Feb 1 20/ 4

Sir.

In reply to yours of 20th inst. I would state, that after examination, I find no record on the books of the Bank of a remittance of $100 having been received from the Nat Park Bank N.Y. for final credit on your account.

First Nat Bank
of Ypsilanti
Mich

Very Respy
R K Dinsmoor
Cashier
per A Hacker
Ass Cash

Sept 20/ 47

Sir:

In receiving deposit at the Mint the only person recognized is the depositor. In the case of the deposit received from Portsmouth Iowa City, Mr Morrell agent of Hind & Express Co, is the person who holds the receipt. When called on to day for information he replied "I hold the receipt when OK is presented send to me for payment."

If you will forward the OK, I will see that it is presented to Mr Morrell for payment.

Very Resty
W R Lindsman
Director

T Hayden Esq
Banker
24 Nassau St
New York

Sept 20 / 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 20 inst. The deposit of gold dust was received from the Kirtley Express Co, and as the Nat can recognize no one on the transaction but the depositor the receipt was made over in the name of the firm. (Mr Morrell)

I have written for Stayton to return the off coach, which will be presented to Mr Morrell for payment.

Yours Respy
W. H. Lindsman
Director

First Nat Bank
Iowa City
Iowa

Sept 28 "

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 20th inst enclosing Requisition for $9,054

I have forwarded the same to the Dist at Washington, with my approval and the request that it may receive early attention

Copy Respy

Geo W Lane Esq
Supt C & Dr Mint
Denver
Col

W. R. Linderman
Director

Sept 21 '4
Sept 30 '4

Sir: I herewith enclose Requisition of Geo Lane Esq. Supt Ill & Miss Rivers for $9.584 - with my approval.

Your early attention to same will oblige

Very Resp'y
Your obt Svt
H B Lindesmith
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Sept 30 74

Sir

I enclose triplicate statement of proceeds of gold dust received from First Nat'l Bk of Idaho, as requested in yours of 28th mst.

National Bk of Commerce
Boston
Mass

Very Respy
J. K. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher
Dir & Clk

Feb 13 4

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 28th ult. In reply I would state that the Trust has not imported Copper planchet for more than 20 years, & that some years before that a vessel was cast in our water with a lot of such pieces, most of which were recovered and used for alloy. We rarely imported more than 500 to 1000 dollars worth at a time

F W Dean Esq
Atlantic Submarine Co

Very Resp
H K Sinnerman
Director
pr C Wheaton Jr
Sec Clk

Oct 2 4

Sir:
As it will be impossible to send you the small Coin by the 15th inst I return you by Adams Express & the amount received from you as requested in yours of 29th ult.

Wm O Feagans Esq
Washington
Davies Co
Md

Very Resp
H K Linderman
Director
per A Thacker
Pro tem

Cal 27 4

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 1st inst. Enclosing 5 Bonds at 20 franc price.

I herewith enclose $1925 as per statement received.

Yours with thanks for your prompt attention

Yours

Geo. Denning Esq
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

Geo. Kemp
H. R. Kindermann
Pierce
per Thacher
Bro & Co

Oct. 1. 7

Messrs Sharp Morris & Co.

Gentlemen,

My attention has been called by the Engineer to the inferior quality of the coal recd. from you for the last few days. I perceive there is some mistake about sending it from the Yard which is not Connel Ridge Coal.

W B Lindenberger
Director

Oct 3 7

Sir:
In reply to yours of 1st inst
I would state that the Small Coin
as ordered by you, were shipped
to your address by Adams Express
Co on the 1st & 2d inst

Walter Palmer Esq
18th St & Av B
New York

Very Resp'y
H. Lindeman
Director
per Attacher of
Div Ck

Oct 8 7

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 2d inst. enclosing Check No 1905 for 100 in payment of subscription on Coins.

The Coins will be forwarded this day with 500 on 8 P Coins, the balance of your order of 4th inst.

Hon. J. E. Thorn
Treasurer
Louisville
Ky

Very Truly
H. K. Lawrence
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Sec'y

Oct 3 7

Genl;

In reply to your of 2nd inst I would state that the order for the 5 Cent Coin was deposited with Mr Jones in the hand of the Mint Agent of the Adams Exp Co.

The delay in getting you over has been occasioned by the suspension of Coinage operation for the purpose of repairing the machinery &c.

Operation has been resumed and your Coins will be forwarded in a few days.

Very Respy

Maj E R Richards & Co
1 Barclay St
New York

Your H R Linderman
Director
per Thacher
Sec ad

Oct. 30 1864

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 28th inst. enclosing Copies of the Treasury Proclamation of Sept 29th 1864. They have been distributed to the employees as requested.

I have to request that you furnish me with about 100 Copies additional for further distribution.

Hon. J. D. Hardy
Asst Sec. of Treasury
Washington

Very Resp.
Your Obt Svt
A. B. Lindsman
Treas.

Oct 4 4

Sir:
In reply to yours of 3rd inst I would state that the 5 Cut Cans were shipped by the Adams Express Co on 1st inst

Jno H Schaffer Esq
Harrisburg
Pa

Very Respy
J C Kinderman
Treasr
per C Thacher
Ass Clk

Oct 4 '7

Sir:

The enclosed circulars will explain the delay in shipping the small Coin ordered by you in July last.

Operations were resumed on the 1st inst. Your Coin will be forwarded in a few days.

Very Respy
H. A. Linderman
Treasr
per C. Thacher
Asst Clk

First Nat Bk
St Albans
Vt

Oct 5 7

Sir: I am in receipt of a piece of
H. Mr. Henchman's Reputation for
$40.000 which I have forwarded
to Washington with papers &c.

Chas. F. Manning Esq. Clerk
Supt. Clerk's Office of Chas. Sperman
New York Agent
per Wheeler
Dep. Clk

Chas. F. Manning Esq. Clerk
Supt. Clerk's Office of Chas. Sperman
New York Agent
per Wheeler

Oct 5 7

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 4th inst enclosing letter of E. J. Patterson.

I respectfully have replied to the d[illegible] of the Legal Office.

The money will have to wait for the order, which will be issued upon the book of the Pay.

In consequence of the suspension of Bridge operations I may perhaps not be able for one month before a order can be filled.

Geo. H. Dunning Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

Yours &c
per A. Thacher

Geo. H. Dunning Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

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Copy

Sir:

Oct 5 7

Sir.

I herewith enclose Requisition of Geo. F. Dimming Esq. Supt. U.S. Assay Office New York for $40.000 with my approval.

I have to request that you will give the same early attention.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Secy Treas
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington D.C.

Yrs obt Svt
W. K. Lindeman
Director
per A. Thacher
Director's Clerk

Oct 7 7

Sir:

I have been addressed by Mr B F Stevens of London on the subject of a collection of Coins in your possession, among which he thinks are some pieces it may be desirable to have in the Cabinet of the Mint.

The Mint has a very fine collection of Greek & Roman Coins which has been obtained from the best sources. I can only think of two that is wanted. A Roman as or aes grave, of the earliest times of the Republic; and a Silver tetradrachm of the City of Tyre. The former to be the largest size, common type, in good case, and at a price not over seven dollars in gold, and the latter in good order, common type, at not over two dollars in gold.

If you have the above pieces and will sell them at the prices mentioned please forward them by Express. C.O.D.

[illegible] Roman [illegible]

Oct 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of - date received this day, I would state that there is no record on the books of the Point of any money having been sent for you.

Very Resty
W K Kindleman
Paymaster
pro W Thacher
Pay Clk

Kennard Callahan
Norwalk
Conn.

Oct 27 1

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 17th ult enclosing the License for using the Engraving machine under the United States Patent.

The file of the Economist from the commencement of the Current volume and the Specimen Copies of the other papers mentioned by you were also received thro' the Secy of State. For which you will please accept my thanks.

Upon examination and comparison I find the Economist to be the most desirable paper for the use of the Department.

I have written to Mr Hocking in reference to his Collection of Coins.

B F Stevens Esq
14 Henrietta St.
Covent Garden
London. Eng.

Very Respy
Chas Anderman
Director
per A Thacher
Chief Clk

Oct 8 7

Sir: I have to request that you will furnish me at your earliest convenience the annual estimate of appropriation necessary for the support of your Dept for the fiscal year ending June 30th 1869.

Geo F Dunning Esq Very Resp'y
Supt US Assay Office H R Linderman
New York Director

Oct 8 /7

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your address per Adams Express Co $10.000 in 5 Cent Coin as ordered by you Sept 10th last

Asst Treas'r
New Orleans
La

Very Resp'y
H. Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Clk

Oct 8 4

Sir:

In reply to yours of 4th inst I would state that after an investigation I find that the money for your small Coins ($200) was deposited on July 17th with the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co but, by some oversight no entry was made of the deposit on the books of the Mint.

Your Coin will be forwarded on the 11th inst.

Yours Respy
W. H. Kinderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Dr Clk

First Nat Bank
Lynn
Mass

Oct 10 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 17th ult. enclosing report of the Audit & Examination for the month of August 1867.

The same has been forwarded to Washington

Robt B Swan Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

Copy

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose the report of the semi-monthly Count & Examination of M. J. Brown & Frank at San Francisco, for the month of August 1864.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
H. Schindler
Inspector

Col. 7.

W. H. Shaw Esq.,
Supt. U. S. Brothel
San Francisco.

Sir,

I have your favor of 17th ult.

The advertising Cards have been duly distributed as ordered, also the Bills for Chinese Gymnasium.

I have recently contracted for two large size Bonta Eagle Presses which are now underway. They are to be finished in the very best style and a little heavier than the largest Press now in use at the Mint. It requires about three months to make a large Homing Press. I think in view of possible contingencies it would be well for you to have one of these large Presses, and if you concude to order one two

telegraph me on receipt hereof. I will have one of those now being made completed as speedily as possible & shipped to you. If necessary we can get an appropriation at the coming session of Congress to meet the expense.

When we resume specie payments there will necessarily be a large demand for coinage and while strict economy in expenditures should be observed, it should always be in readiness to meet promptly any demand likely to arise for coinage. Therefore the machinery, machinery &c. &c. should always be kept in good order and the capacity of the coinage mints should be rather above the ordinary demands.

Very respectfully Your
obt. Servant
Secretary.

Oct 10 49

Sir:

In response to your letter of the 6th I have mailed to your address two Copies of the Directors Report for last year.

The Report for 1849 will not be issued until after the meeting of Congress.

Very Respy
Yr Obt Servt
H. Kinderman
Director
per A. Thacher
Sec. Ak

Wm Greene Esq
Actg Asst Treasr U.S.
New York

Oct 11 4

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 7th inst.

The Mint has one of the Medals you mention in its Cabinet.

Very Respy
Yr Obt Servt
A. Loudermilk
Treasr
pro Wheaton
Dir Mint

Dr C. Cheves
Box 76
Newport
Lincolnshire
Eng

Oct 11 1847

Sir

Your letter of 23rd ult enclosing report of Mr Wm Tuomey, Assayer &c. you transmit in relation to the platina Assay Apparatus is received.

An order could not be executed on Chemis proved.

Respy Your Obt Servt
H Bohnenberger
Supt

Sir

Oct 11 7

Sir: I send you this day per Adams Express Co 2 Proof Set Silver & Copper Coins and $15 in 5 Cent Coin as requested in yours of 8th inst received this day

Edward Cogan
100 William St
New York

Very Respy
Yours &c
Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Director Chem

Oct 12 '4

Sir:

In reply to yours of 3d inst, I would state that No 24.36 was shipped to the address of Edward Nelson, Richmond Kay Co. Mo. by Express, on the 2 Ult.

Yours Resp
H. Kinderman
Director
per C. Wheeler
Ass Clk

Freeman Lovell
Richmond
Mo

Oct 16 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 15th inst enclosing Transfer Check for $2.000 for 5 Cent Coin.

The Coin will be shipped to day (17th inst) by Adams Express Co.

Yrs Respy
H. Linderman
Director

Hon Jas E Spaine
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 17. 1.

John J. Knox Esq.,

Dear Sir,

I have received a communication from Dr Jones Assayer of the Branch Mint Charlotte in reference to the repairs necessary at that institution (material & required to place it in condition for Assaying Bullion. Before submitting this communication to the Department with my views thereon, I should be pleased to be informed what funds are available for these expenditures. Is there a specific appropriation for it, & how much?

It will require about $1500 - to make the repairs & place the institution in condition for assaying bullion

the principal item being
a new roof.

I am inclined to
think that it would be
good policy to sell the
Engine & all the material
not required for assaying
Bullion & floating the
same into bank.

I trust you think
this note to save time &
I suppose you are all
like myself very much
engaged with your
reports &c

Truly yours
H. Rolendersmacher
Director.

Oct 14 54

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your address by Adams Express Co a box containing the Dies of the Middlesex Mechanic Association as requested in your letter of 14th inst

Very Resp
H K Dirsmore
Director
per C Wheaton
Brock

Thos G Gerrish Esq
Treas. Middlesex Mech.
Lowell
Mass

Oct 18 7

[illegible]

[illegible] on [illegible] of the City for $100
received for [illegible] days since.
Payment [illegible]

Cashier [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
H. B. Lindeman
Director
pro [illegible]
[illegible]

Department of the Interior
Washd. Oct. 18 1867

Sir

Most of the questions which you have proposed to me in your letter of the 15th inst. are such as no man can answer.

You are doubtless familiar with what has been written by Jacob Cheralier, McCulloch and others on the whole subject, and must have perceived that a great deal is left to mere conjecture. This is worth nothing at all. One set of writers for instance, tells us that the amount of gold and silver used in trinkets, household articles, and the arts generally, is three or four times as much the amount in coin; another set of writers equally reliable estimate the amount in coin as double that of all other manufactures of precious metals. Here is a very wide disparity, and it shows how much the estimate is worth. Probably you will find as much good sense and sound information in the article "Precious Metals" in the Encyclopedia Britannica (reprinted in Boston) as any [illegible] the matter down to 1859

At the present day, you will find the London Economist, a weekly journal, most fruitfull of essays and statistics on the various points of inquiry. In my forthcoming Annual Report there will also be found a considerable amount of positive information, to which I must respectfully refer you, as it would perhaps be out of order for me to anticipate the transmission of the statement to the Secretary of the Treasury and to Congress.

There is one point however (No 5) which does not come within the scope of my official Report and yet I am prepared to say something definite and decisive about it. And perhaps it is the main point you are aiming at; that is as to the present relation of gold to silver, in value.

The true way to arrive at that, is: not to take the legal relations as set down in the laws of coinage, which are quite diverse, and which in some principal countries are such as to afford a seigniorage on silver; but to go to the principal market of precious metals, and see what are the ruling prices there.

That market is London, which is the great

receiving and distributing points for gold and silver. The price of silver, as against gold is of course unsteady. During the past 18 months Mexican dollars have sold at 58¾ to 60½ pence per ounce: so that an ounce of fine gold is worth from 15.1 to 15.6 ounces of fine silver. At first it seems very strange that the relation should have undergone so little change in the last twenty years, since it is beyond doubt that the value of gold produced in that period, has been at least three times the value of silver produced. But the phenomenon is easily accounted for. The demand for gold is unlimited; but not so for silver. As the nations have been rapidly growing in wealth, they have taken to gold as their chief currency, using silver only for the purpose of making change. Added to this, the large use of plated ware makes a big demand for silver in the arts.

Respectfully Yours &c

Jos. H. Nelson Esq
Commissioner
Rio Nunez Coast &c

H. R. Linderman
Director

Oct 19 4

Sir:

Referring to your communication of 19th inst the purchase of a "Fire Water Reporter" I herein authorize a contract not exceeding Fifty dollars (50)

A. G. Snowden Esq
Chief Engr
U.S. Mint

Jas. Pollock
Director

Oct 19 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 17th inst. The specimens enclosed are quartz crystal which will scratch glass but not cut it

A J Guffey
McDonnelville
North Co
Pa

Very Respy
H K Lindeman
Director
per A Huchert
Dis Clk

Ply-ans

Oct 21 [illegible]

Geo. F. Fanning Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York

Department has called on me for Estimate. I am waiting for yours.

H. S. Drinker
Serial

Oct 21st T

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

I transmit herewith a communication from Isaac W Jones, Assayer of the Branch Mint Charlotte N.C. in reference to the repairs necessary to be made, and implements, materials &c required to place that institution in condition for Assaying Bullion, casting into unbarred bars, & stamping thereon the weight and fineness of the same.

Cost of materials & labor for new tin roof	$2000
Cost of removing present tin roof, and preparing building to receive new roof.	1500
Other Repairs	800
Repair of Furnaces	100
Two assay-balances, & other implements, materials &c required by Assayer, say	600
	$5,000

I respectfully recommend that authority be granted to make the repairs estimated for and that

to defray the expenses thereof the sum of Five Thousand Dollars be transferred from the appropriation for "salaries & wages of workmen" at that Branch to the ordinary or expense account and that when this transfer has been made, the sum so transferred be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint at Philad^a, to be distributed on my orders on account of repairs at the above Branch Mint. With a view to expedite the contemplated repairs & have them substantially made I have offered to send temporally to Mr Jones one or two workmen from the Mint who have experience in the business. I suppose he will avail himself of this offer, if the required mechanics cannot be obtained in that vicinity

I am Sir

Very Respectfully &c

H Leidendorfer

Director

Copy

Dr Mint, Charlotte N Carolina
October 13th 1867

Dr Linderman
Director of the Mint

Sir

I have made the proper examination of the Mint & Mint building at Charlotte, & have the honor to report the following.

In the first place the present sheet iron roof & gutters upon the Mint building, being so much out of repair, should be removed, & I would suggest that a new roof & gutters of roof tin be put in the place of those removed, & have the new roof well painted with mineral roof-paint.

Such a roof & gutters, including material & the necessary labor in putting them on it is estimated, will cost two thousand dollars ($2000). Removing the present iron roof & preparing rafters & sheeting to receive the tin roof, it is estimated will cost one

thousand five hundred dollars ($1.500)

Other repairs, such as stuccoing & plastering the damaged places in the walls, & some repairs to out buildings will cost about eight hundred dollars more ($800).

The dimensions of the roof are Eight thousand eight hundred & fifty (8.850) Square feet.

The Engine is very good, except the Head-blocks feeder & flanges, these could be repaired at a very small cost, say one hundred dollars.

The machinery in the Coining department is good except slight improvements to one or two pieces.

Assaying could commence on a small scale very soon, even before the roof repairs are completed.

In the Assay department, the following deficiencies will have to be supplied viz

2 good Assay balances & weights

1 set of Weights for deposit scale - the scales, here being quite sufficient for present purpose

2 pairs of tongs for handling cupels
2 forceps to use at assay balance
1 Box of Cupels
4 gallons of pure acid
50 ounces of pure silver for gold assay

These are all the deficiencies necessary to be supplied for the present.

A good deal of the funds necessary for these repairs could be obtained by selling the engine, the old copper composing the present gutters & other things about the Mint especially in the refining department, should an order for such sale be deemed proper by the Department

I am very truly
Your obt Svt
Signed Isaac Lobone
Assayer 1st Mint
Charlotte

Oct 21st 7

Isaac N. Jones Esq
Assayer U.S. Br Mint
Charlotte. N.C.

Sir

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. I have ascertained by a correspondence with the Department, that the balance of appropriations standing to the credit of your Branch Mint at the breaking out of the rebellion can be made available for the expenses attending the necessary repairs at your Branch. The transfer of a sufficient amount from the appropriation for "salaries and wages of workmen" to expense account will be asked for and when made there will be an available fund to meet the expenses estimated in your letter.

The construction of a new roof will be a work requiring the superintendence of some person of mechanical skill. I can send you from the Mint, if you desire it, for temporary employment the person who has had charge of the extensive

repairs

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Oct 23 70

Sir: Your favor of 28th ult. enclosing report for August, is received.

Kott & Frank & Co
Capt W J Bennett
San Francisco
Cal.

Geo Kelly
H Lindemann
Director

Oct 23d

C

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of 19th inst. would state that it will answer every purpose to send about two pounds of the rock mentioned in your letter, in its original condition, not pulverized. The charges thereon will be five dollars.

Very Respectfully &c

Director

S. F. J. Trabue
Frankfort
Ky

Oct. 24. 7

Sir.

I transmit herewith the Estimates of Appropriations required for the support of the Mint and its Branches for the next fiscal Year. A copy of these estimates with an explanatory letter has been forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully,
J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

To the Register of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C.

Sir,

The amount asked to be appropriated for the Mint at Philad.a is Fifteen thousand (15,000) dollars more than was appropriated for the current fiscal year. The increase occurs on the item of "Incidental & Contingent Expenses including new machinery and repairs" The small increase estimated for under this head will be required to keep the Mint coiner, machinery, & apparatus &c in

Oct 24th 1

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I have this day forwarded to the Register of the Treasury, the estimates of appropriations required for the support of the Mint and its Branches, for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1869, and transmit herewith for your information a copy of the same.

The amount asked to be appropriated for the Mint at Philad^a is Fifteen thousand ($15.000) dollars more than was appropriated for the current fiscal year. The increase occurs in the item of "Incidental & Contingent Expenses including new machinery and Repairs" The small increase estimated for under this head will be required to keep the Mint & its machinery, apparatus &c in proper

proper condition. The amount asked to be appropriated for the Branch Mints at San Francisco and Denver, and the Assay Office New York are based on the estimates received from those institutions respectively and do not call for any special remark.

The amount estimated for the Br. Mints New Orleans and Charlotte will be necessary to place those institutions in condition for the operations which the department designs having carried on at these points respectively viz: Assaying of Gold and Silver and casting the bullion into imported bars, and coinage of nickel copper at New Orleans and the assaying of Gold at the Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Most obt svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

Oct 25th 7

Isaac W. Jones Esq
Assayer U. S. Br Mint
Charlotte N. C.

Sir

Enclosed please find copy of communication from the Treasury Department in reference to the Repairs &c at your Branch. You will be governed by these instructions in all particulars.

The materials implements &c required for assaying will be ordered and forwarded on the receipt of your acknowledgment of this communication. You will in your next letter present a statement or list of all the machinery apparatus &c not required for the use of the Branch Mint as assay Office and the condition of the same

Very Respectfully
R Patterson
Director

Treasury Department
October 23d 1867

Sir

Your letter of the 21st instant enclosing a communication from Isaac W. Jones Assayer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. relative to repairs necessary to be made, and implements materials required for an Assay Office at that point has been received.

The necessary repairs for the building will be done under the supervision of the Supervising Architect of this Department, and the necessary expenses therefor can be paid out of the appropriation for repairs and preservation of public buildings.

You are authorized to make the necessary repairs of the machinery and to purchase the materials and implements required, the expense of which can be paid

for out of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Branch Mint. That portion of the Machinery and apparatus not needed for an Assay Office can hereafter be sold as provided by act of July 23d 1866

Very Respectfully
Signed H. McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Oct 25 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 23 inst, I would state that the proceeds of gold bars ($41.20) was shipped to you above on the 22d inst by Adams Express Co.

Cashier Planters Bank, Farmville Va

Yrs Respectfully
C R Londerman
Director
per Wharton
Pres

Oct 25. 7

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Sir

I transmit herewith my Report of the operations of the Mint & Branches for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1867.

It was my intention to have annexed to the Report an account or description of the Extensive repairs of Machinery, apparatus, fixtures, and recently made at the Mint, but on further reflection I concluded to omit the same fearing that it would be too voluminous.

A detailed account of the repairs referred to will be the subject of a future communication.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
H R Linderman
Director

Telegram

Oct 28 '7

Mr A Ferris
Acting Asst U S Treasurer
New York City

Will send a portion or all of your order for small Coin to morrow.

H R Linderman
Director

On the day following the shipment, a letter from Mr Ferris, addressed to you, was handed to us, detailing the instructions for sending gold to Washington, which letter with our return, we addressed to Agent at Milwaukee, instructing him to come here at once to address you. He came not probably out of way but [illegible]

Yours Respy
J H Converse
Cashier

Oct 28

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 25th inst. I referred the same to the Agent of the Mil Express Co and received the following reply:

"The coin alluded to was shipped to the Agent Mil Express Co at Milwaukee Wis, on Oct 19 for this reason. there was no letter with it, nor any indication of shipper name and we deemed it advisable to return to the shipping office, as that would be the place where inquiries would be made.

On the day following this shipment, a letter from shipper, addressed to you, was handed to us, detailing the instructions for sending gold to Washington, which letter with our remarks we addressed to Agent at Milwaukee, instructing him to return at once to address given. The coin is now probably on its way back."

Very Respy
J. H. Konkemen
per [illegible] Cashier

J H Crounse
Washn
DC

Oct 28 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 19 inst enclosing two specimens, which upon examination prove to be silicious rock with a little iron. No value.

Very Truly
H R Robinson
Director
per A Kercher Jr
Sec C&K

Edgar Mink
Cashier
Galion Co.
Ohio

Oct 28 7

Sir:

I herewith return No 100, received in your of 24th in exchange, its value in 25th gold Coin.

The Mint never issued such a Coin.

Yours &c

J. H. Rivers Esq
315 Main St.
Memphis
Tenn.

Geo Resler
M R Linderman
Director
per Wheacher jr
Div Clk

Oct 19 77

Genl:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st

I will state briefly that an order for small coin came to the ship for several weeks. Orders received on the 5th & 6th day of August have been filled this day.

Whenever I can be of service to a shipper I shall be made aware of the regular order &c.

Respectfully

A Alexander

Maj Genl Hancock
Topeka
Kansas

Oct 28 1791 27

Sir,

The Board have monthly examined, and made all the closing business requisite to be done at the Treasury, and have ordered the following balances in the Books of the Treasurer of the United States to be struck off, and found a balance of D. 126,340.00 Cents, which remains to be settled hereafter, viz.

Cents	156,308.00
Cents	252,73.36
Cents	10,198.20
Cents	137,057.51
Cents	1,604.47
	883.03
	396,401.32

Secretary of Treasury Comptroller

Comptroller Auditor Treasurer

Examined and Allowance Director

Register

Auditor

Treasurer

Washington

Comptroller

Auditor

Treasurer

Oct 29 7

Sir:

At the close of business hours yesterday (28th inst.) I made examination of the books, account, and money on hand in the Office of the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at Philad.a and found a balance of $7.125.540.04 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the above amount the following was counted as Cash.

Certificate of Temporary Loan $7.094.51

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
H. K. Zimmerman
Director
per Wharton
Assist. Clerk

5074

Oct 24 1867

Sir

I have the pleasure to return you thanks for your Report & Express bill of Costs, due for the year 1866.

I enclose herewith a further by our Express.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, & oblige

Yours very truly

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

(Copy)

Mint of the United States

Cal. 23. 1854

Receipt of Chief Engraver of San Francisco
furnished by the Engraver of the Mint for the year
1853 in one box containing as follows.

Gold			Case marked
Half Eagles	6		1. 2. 3
Eagles	6		4. 5. 6
Half Eagles	6		7. 8. 9
Quarter Eagles	6		10. 11. 12
Three Dollars		4	13. 14
Gold Dollars		4	15. 16
Silver			
Dollars	4		17. 18
Half Dollars	6		19. 20. 21
Quarter Dollars	6		22. 23. 24
Dimes	6		25. 26. 27
Half Dimes	6		28. 29. 30
	54	8	

Recd. all to be certain, & box

Signed. James B. Longacre
Engraver.

(Copy)

Oct 29th /

Jno J. Knox Esqr.

My Dear Sir

I thank you for calling my attention to the New Orleans Estimate

I transmit herewith amended Estimate for New Orleans which I desire that you will have substituted for those on the hands of the Register

I do not think it advisable to touch upon the subject of Refining &c. I prefer to express my views on this subject when the Secretary is called upon to act thereon.

Meanwhile I am collating all the facts bearing on the question. Some weeks since I addressed a circular letter to our Ministers abroad making certain inquiries as to the practice of the respective Governments. When answers to the above inquiries have been received I will be pretty well prepared to form a correct judgement on the subject.

I may [illegible] mention one thing i.

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private establishments from carrying on the business to any extent they think proper, provided they can do it cheaper than the Mint

What I fear is that if the parties succeed in excluding refining from the Branch Mints, and the new Mint Edifice is erected without any room for refining facilities, the business will be controlled by Capitalists who will form a monopoly, and it will then be too late for the U. States to interfere a friendly hand between them and the purchasers of bullion

Truly Yours

Samuel H. Parker

Jos. Wharton Esq

Nov 2 7

Sir:

The specimens sent in a box are simply limestone of an inferior quality; gold is not found in this rock.

If an analysis is desired the Mint charges of five dollars must be sent.

P. G. I. Trabue Esq
Frankfort
Ky.

Very Resp'y
H. Lindeman
Director
per A. Kachersky
Ass't Ch'k

Nov 22 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 21st ult. enclosing check $2000 for 5 Cent Coins.

The Coins will be forwarded this day by Adams Express Co.

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Washington D.C.

Very Resp.
H. Kinderman
Director
per Thacher
Director Clerk

Nov 21

Chief of the Mint
Philad. Nov 21 1867

A Loudon Snowden Esq.
Chief Coiner.

Sir,

I have upon report of the case of Stephen Lovegrove employed in the Rolling Room. The circumstances of the case are such that it would be impossible to have him punished on the order of the Mint. His name will therefore be struck from the pay roll.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servant
Director.

Nov 4 7

Dear Sir,

I have yours of 21st ult. I did not understand that there was to be a Melter & Refiner appointed at your Branch Mint. The Department desired it fitted up for an Assay Office only, and it appears to me that with proper assistance you can perform the duties of Melter & Refiner in addition to those of Assayer. There will be no refining done, except by melting & fluxing, and the operation of parting Gold & Silver will not be required in preparing imparted bars. Before sending to the Secretary, the names of the persons you have nominated for Assist Assayer, and Clerk, I would be glad to hear from you in relation to the necessity of a Melter & Refiner; also your understanding with the Department in relation to the matter.

The necessary instructions for the transaction of business at your Branch will be prepared and sent to you as soon as the preliminary matters pertaining to employes, repairs, apparatus &c are determined.

Very Resp.
W. R. Linderman
Director

Dr. C. Jones Esq
Assayer U.S. Mint Charlotte N.C.

Nov 5 7

Sir:

The following is an extract from a letter of Robert Swain Esq. Supt. U. S. Branch Mint, San Francisco, dated Sept. 29th last.

"I am inclined to believe that it will be necessary to procure a new large size Coining Press for Double Eagles when Silver & Gold are to be coined at the same time, as has frequently happened this season, or are subjected to some delay, and should an accident occur to the one on hand, the mint would be seriously inconvenienced while waiting repairs. I do not expect, however, at the present moment, but, I would thank you to inform me, what would be the probable cost of a Press, and how soon one could be shipped in case it were needed."

In reply to the enquiry of the Supt, I informed him that the cost of the largest size Coining Press would be $1000, and that

that the time required for its manufacture would be three months. A few days since I received a telegram from the Superintendent requesting me to order the press and procure an appropriation therefor at the approaching session of Congress.

It is hardly safe to run the risk of the delay on the Coinage, which would arise from an accident to the only large press at the Branch Mint, I have therefore to request that you will cause to be inserted in the Annual Estimates ~~as a supplemental~~ recently submitted, from this Office the following item, viz. For New Machinery &c. &c.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington
D. C.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

Nov 6 7

Gent:

Referring to your proposition of 25th of Sept to import for the Mint, four pairs of Cast Steel Rolls, manufactured by Fred Krupp, Essen Rhenish Prussia, I have to request that you will inform me whether the price therein stated includes the duty.

As your proposition was hurriedly written when your Mr Prowse was last here, I suggest that you make a new proposition giving detail and specification fully.

I enclose drawing for the Rolls, which you will please return with your proposition.

The drawing represents in all its measurement a "finished roll" turned, round, polished and ready for use. The journals or necks of the roll must be perfectly parallel with the centre or body of the roll. They should also be hardened to a proper depth with an uniform type of temper.

Yours Respectfully

Tony Keasby

H R Linderman

No 6 7

Sir,

I enclose a copy of your communication of 23rd relating to the repair of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, to the Supt of said Branch. I am this day in receipt of his acknowledgement, with the request that the Superintending Architect of the Department may be sent down as soon as possible to give specifications for said repairs.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington

Very Resp
W B Lindsay
Director

Nov 6 7

Capt

I have to report that you will forward for the transportation of the 102 Regt 2 Essex Volunteers. When ready for shipment you will forward them to the Quartermaster at Boston.

I also beg you will inform against the 102d Regiment Charles Regt and transmit charges with the office for proper.

Yours Respectfully

Wm Rockwell Jr
Asst Q.M.
N.Y.

A. Robinson
Lieut Colonel
Commdg

Nov 6th 7

Geo. P. Dunning Esq.
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York

Sir

The new Engraving Machine lately imported from London for the use of the Mint, proves to be a very important acquisition to our Engravers Department and I contemplate making it available in improving the Devices upon the Gold and Silver Coinage.

I am desirous of obtaining Designs and Models of a Figure Emblematic of Liberty, also of an Eagle to which we are confined by law for the Dime and Numerals of Count of the Coins.

With the aid of our new Machine we can finish in the most artistic style any die however complicated may be the Device in less than three days.

My purpose in writing to you is to ascertain your views in relation to the proposed improvement of the Co[illegible] suggest the manner

of persons unskilled in the Art of Designing Modeling &c

The first coin I propose to confine is the Eagle. I want a fine and artistic figure of Liberty for the obverse and an Eagle for the reverse

The Head of Liberty on the present pieces might as well be called a figure of some venerable school marm" from any resemblance it bears to the capitol of Art

Mr Longacre engraved and Mr Huber designed are both good artists, but we require a person who also possesses talent as a Designer.

I would be happy to have such a person of taste give me his thoughts and feelings in regard to our

With your leave I will submit some reflections on the subject and suggestions as may occur to you

Yours Truly
R. M. Patterson
Director
per A. Rocke
Assistant

ASG 5289

Nov. 7. 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

The columns which support the front portico of the Mint edifice, are in a broken and disfigured condition. Those which support the portico in the rear of the building are in a well preserved condition. It has been suggested that those in the rear might be substituted for those now in front.

It would be well to have the matter examined by the Supervising Architect of the Department, and I will be glad if you will have him sent here for that purpose at such time as may be convenient.

Very Respt. Yours
A. R. Linderman
Director.

Nov 11 '74

Sir:
Your letter of 8th inst is received.
The usual charge for an examination of specimens is $5.00 each.

Daniel Clark
Jamesville
C

Very Respy
H R Kindleman
Treasr
per A Kacher Jr
Dr C&R

5289

Nov 12 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 11th inst, with transfer check $100 for 3 Cent Coins.

The Coins will be forwarded this day.

Hon. E. Spinner
Treasurer U.S.
Wash
D.C.

Very Resp.
H. R. Linderman
Director

5291

Nov 1/2 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of 11th inst. I cannot inform you where the Coins of 1824 & 5 could be obtained.

The Mint returns no Coins of back date except in the Cabinet.

Yours Respy
Wm Kinderman
Director
Geo C Thacher
Dir Ass

Jno Sherman
52 Beekman St.
New York

Nov 12 '7

Sir:

The Specimen enclosed in yours of 7th inst are Iron Pyrites. very common. of no value.

E. F. Lowther
Clarksburg
W. Va.

Very Resp
H. K. Sanderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Dro C. R.

531

Nov 12 1839

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of yesterday with a list of Indian Department papers mailed to my address for the Mint today. The document was received at the Mint this day.

Very Truly
J. R. Snodgrass
Assistant Treasurer

Clerk of Class
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

No 13

Sir,

In reply to yours of 11th inst. I would state that the specimens referred to have all been distributed.

Geo F Havey Esq
Cambridgeport
Mass

Very Resp
H A Lindsman
Director
per A Hacker
Ass Dir

Nov 13 7

Sir

Please find enclosed a list of the officers & clerks employed in the Priv., as requested in your circular of 12th inst.

J. Abraham C.
Asst Register
Treas. Dept.
Washn
D.C.

Very Resply
H. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher Jr
Dir Clerk

Nov 13 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor (2) of 4th inst. San Francisco

Silver Bullion may be received and accounted for in the same manner as Gold. The charge for melting &c should be equal to, but not exceed the actual cost of the material & labor employed in the operation. Please inform me what charge should be made under the above regulations, in order that the same may be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval.

A set of moulds for silver bars have been ordered and will be forwarded.

Your communication in regard to Coin Drafts will receive early attention.

Very Respy
W. H. Lindeman
Director

Geo. Loine Esq
Supt U.S. Mint
Denver
Col.

I am very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Nov. 13th 1857
Director U. S. Mint

Robert B. Swain Esq.,
Supt Br. Mint San Francisco

Sir

The manufacture of the large size coining Press ordered for your Branch is under way and is expected to be completed and ready for shipment in three months. It is to be equal in all respects to the largest and finest Press in the Mint and is to be furnished at a cost of $8000.

I am informed by the Department at Washington that there is an unexpended appropriation for enlarging the Mint at San Francisco of $45,000: out of which the amount to be paid for the Coining Press can be drawn.

It is therefore unnecessary to ask for an additional appropriation.

I would remark that under the same ruling the balance of the above Appropriation is available for any other additional Machinery that your institution may require

I am very Respectfully
N. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir

Mr. W. H. Field
Manager of the Royal Mint, London, has
informed Engineer in connecting to me
with examining the Mint Engineering
and proposing certain alterations to
be made. Being now engaged
the month for profitable work in
attention respect for the same and in order
to avoid this hitherto fancy I would
like to have him a discussion with K
by practical convenience. Will the
in the same provided to me for that
purpose. The same will be paid by the

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
N. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Nov. 14. 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir

Mr H. W. Field
Assayer of the Royal Mint, London, did an important service in recommending to us and examining the Mill Engraving Machine and suggesting certain alterations &c. before the purchase thereof was consummated. It would be proper to make some suitable acknowledgment for the same and in order to suit his peculiar fancy I would like to send him a specimen set of the fractional currency. Will you please have the same furnished to me for that purpose? The expense will be paid by the Office.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
F. E. Spinner
Treasurer of the United States.

Nov 13. 7

Sir:

The following arrangement for the Treasurer's Clerks is prescribed, to take effect on the completion of the repairs viz

The Room to the left of the main entrance to the Mint edifice will be occupied by P. F. Brown Chief Clerk. J. S. Sangren Calculator. Mr James Brown Directors Warrant Clerk, will occupy a Desk in the same room

The room formerly occupied as the Office of the Asst Treasurer will be occupied by Mr. Coppinwaith Book Keeper and Mr. Andrew J. Miller Register. Mr. Thompson and Son of the Adams Express Co will occupy such part of the room as may be assigned them by Mr Coppinwaith.

On the completion of the repairs the regulation requiring the Clerks to remain at the Desks during business hours except when their duties require them

presence elsewhere, will be strictly enforced

The proper despatch of the responsible business entrusted to the Clerk of the Mint requires the strict observance of this regulation.

Chamber McKibbin Esq Treasurer U.S. Mint

H. K. Linderman
Director

Nov. 12. 7.

Messrs. Mason & Co.

Gentlemen,

Your proposition to make for the Branch Mint San Francisco, a coining Press of the largest size and equal in all respects to the largest Press now in use at the United States Mint, subject to my inspection & approval and properly securely packed for shipment, for the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars, is accepted. It is understood that the work is to be commenced immediately & the Press finished as soon as it can be done say in three months from this date.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint

Nov 15 1847

Sir:

My Annual Report is in the hands of the printer. I have had two proof sheets struck which I enclose. He has handed one to the Secretary.

I would call your attention to the alteration made page 5 No. 1 page 4 printed copy, in reference to the Branch Mint New Orleans. The reference made to the title being struck out.

Also to the subject of creating a fund for the redemption of the Mint & Coinage. See page 7.

Yours very truly
H. R. Snowden
Director
pro W. Kacher
Asst Cash

Jno Fay Esq

Nov 15 57

Sir: I have the honor to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of ($44.275) Forty four thousand two hundred seventy five dollars, on account of the appropriations due the Mint for the quarter ending Dec 31st 1857 as follows.

Salaries	9.125.00
Wages	31.250
Inc & Con Exps	2.500
Specimens of Ores &c	150
Freight on Bullion	1.250
	$44.275-

Hon
Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washn
D.C.

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
A. Roudenbush
Director

Nov 15 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose $45 in payment of the Bill of Fractional Currency (Specimen) received this day.

My object in transmitting it, is to avoid confusion in the Cent & Ordinary Accounts.

With many thanks for your prompt attention to my request

I remain
Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
N Blandford
Treasr

Hon. E. Thurman
Treas U. S.
Wash D. C.

Nov 16 7

Sir:

I desire to transmit to the Assayer of the Royal Mint, London, a shield of the Specimen Fractional Currency of the U.S., as an acknowledgement of the kind service he rendered in examining the Nil Engraving Machine lately imported from London for the U S Mint.

I have to request that you will inform me as to the best manner of shipping it. Whether it could be sent through your office to Mr B F Stevens U S Govt Despatch Agent at London?

I fear, if sent by an Express Co, it will be disturbed by the Custom House Officers, and I desire to avoid that.

I have the honor to be
Very Resp.
Your obt Svt
W. P. Lindenman
Director

Hon Wm H Seward
Sec'y of State
Washn. D.C.

Nov 16th 2

Geo. W. Lane Esq
Supt U. S. Br Mint
Denver. Colorado

Sir

Where the amount of silver assaying is small, it can be done with a small set of glass vessels, which will cost very little and these will shortly be sent to you. Any desired instructions will also be forwarded. Until further ordered the assays of silver should be limited to special requests. as a matter of accommodation, as it is doubtful whether silver can be received and treated in a regular way. of business as gold is.

Very Respectfully &c
H. R. Linderman
Director
per C. W. Weaver

No. 18 7

Genl:

I return herewith C/D $150 rec in yours of 14th inst.

You will please send your order to the Treasurer, U S Mint and enclose a draft on New York or Philada payable to his order, and it will receive prompt attention.

The enclosed certificate are not negotiable without the endorsement of the Treasurer U S.

Very Respy
H Blumdamaer
Director

Mr B C Warren & Co
Bay City
Mich.

Nov 18 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your of the 1st relative to a deposit of $200 for Gold Dollars made by you on the 15th July.

I would state in reply that there is no record on the book of the Mint of such a deposit.

I have to request that you will inform me in what manner the amt was transmitted, whether by mail or Express, also check or note.

Allentown Pa Nov 19x

Allentown Pa

Very Respy
[illegible]
Treasurer

Nov. 18. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir.

Our coining operations are now progressing very satisfactorily and the coinage is fully up to our capacity to prepare the alloy for the small coins. We can increase the production of the alloys about thirty thousand pieces daily by adding a third set of pitchers and working the melting furnace without intermission, but it is not deemed necessary to do so at present. The daily coinage of 12,000 cent pieces averages about $10,000, which is more than double the demand for the same. At the rate of coinage the deficit of 11. cent pieces, for small change, which accumulated during the recent exhaustion of operations for repairs, will be paid off in four to six weeks from this date.

The furnaces used for producing the alloys for the small coins, are worked about sixteen hours out of the twenty four, and twenty all the [illegible]

departments are engaged about the same number of hands. Inexperienced workmen cannot be entrusted with the Rolling Mills, cutting and stamping Presses, nor with the annealing of the strips & blanks.

It is probable that as we shorten the time for delivering small coin for U. S. Notes that the demand may again become heavy. If this should prove to be the case, and especially if we should be called upon to prepare blanks for coinage at New Orleans, it will become necessary to work a third set of Melters, which can be organized from the "helps" now engaged in that department.

The engraving by the new Machine of the Obverse die for the Byron W. Field Medal has been in progress for a few days past and we are confident of very satisfying results. The engraving of the Reverse die will commence as soon as the threading is finished which will be in the course of a week.

Very Respectfully, Yours &c.

E. Roelofs
Jr. Engr.

Nov 19 '7

Sir,

I have this day mailed to your address Directors Report, Forms 1 & 6 as per request contained in your of 17th inst.

Very Respy
W K Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dis Clk

Hon E D Holbrook
Delegate Idaho
Washn
D.C.

Nov 19 7

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to hand the inclosed communication to the Secretary and call his personal attention to it:

Very Respy
W R Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Clk

Jno Jay Knox Esq
Washn
D.C.

Nov 20 7

Sir:

I referred your letters of the 16th & 19th inst to the Adams Express Co, who report that the deposit was received by them, but by some error it was never entered on the books of the Mint.

The amount of your order $5 00 in 5¢ pieces) will be shipped to your address this day.

Very Resp'y
H R Linderman
Director
per Wharcherf
Dir Ck R

Allentown Nat'l Bank
Allentown
Pa

Nov 20 7

Sir: I have this day shipped to your address, thro' Adams Express Co. $3.000 in 5 Cent Coins, on use of your order of $10.000 received 19th ult.

Asst Treasurer U.S.
Boston.
Mass

Very Respy
H K Linderman
Director
per A Racher Jr
Dir Clk

Nov 20 1857

Sir:
I have this day shipped to your address, thro Adams Express Co. $5000 in 5 Cent Coin, ordered by you on 18th ult.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Wm Clark

U S Depositary
Cincinnati
O

Nov 21. 7

J. B. Booth Esq.
Seller & Refiner
Dear Sir,

Until further notice I desire that you will use the English Metal separately & not with the Mexican bars. The latter, for the present, until further instructions will be withheld from the Melting pot and kept securely under lock & key.

Respectfully Yours
H. R. Lenderman
Director

No. 22. 7

Geo W Lane Esq.
Supt. Br. Mint.
Denver
Sir.

The act of March 3d. 1853 & 1857. provides that when Gold or Silver shall be cast into bars &c the charge therefor, shall be equal to, but not exceed, the actual cost of the operation, including labor, leastage, use of machinery, material &c to be regulated from time to time by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Please advise me what charge this will from their most the above requirements, and that the same may be submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury for his approval.

I shall be pleased to hear from you generally on this subject.

Yours Truly
W. L. Saunders
Director

Nov 22 1877

Genl

I am in receipt of your of 15th inst.

My annual Report will furnish you with the desired information. It will be ready for distribution about the middle of December when I will forward you a copy.

Very Respy
H K Lindsman
Secretary
per C Thacker
Jr Clk

Hon J T Allen & Co
Nashville
Tenn

Nov 22 7

Sir:

By direction of the Hon Hugh McCulloch, Secretary of the Treasury, I have this day shipped to your address, a "Basso Relievo Model" of himself.

Be good enough to acknowledge the receipt

Very Resp'y
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Hacker
Sec'y

Chas McCulloch Esq
Fort Wayne
Ind.

Nov 22 /7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 19th inst enclosing transfer check $2.000 for 5 Cent Coin.

I have this day forwarded by Adams Express to the amount of your order

Very Respy
Your obt Svt
H K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Vice Pr

Hon F E Spinner
Treasr U S
Washn
D. C.

Nov 23 /7

Robt. B. Swain Esq
Supt. Pacific Branch Mint.
San Francisco.

Cal.

Does the
cost of parting exceed the charges?
Answer briefly by telegraph and fully
by mail.

N. K. Lindenman
Director

(Telegram)

Nov 23 7

Gent: You will please forward for the U S Branch Mint at Denver Col the following Articles.

100 No 14 Cover
100 " 25 "

After shipment you will transmit the bill in duplicate to this Office for payment.

Very Resp
H. Blinderman
Director

Mfg for Dixon & Co
Jersey City
N. J.

No 23

Gen. I have to request that you will furnish me with a report on the subject of the machinery at the U S Branch Mint Charlotte NC a list of which was placed in the hands of your Mr Orr.

I wish to have an approximate estimate as to its value & whether it would be better for the interest of the Government to dispose of it without removal or transport it to this city, for that purpose.

Very Resly
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir CLR

Maj Morgan Ord G

Nov 23 7

Sir: I have to request that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of Mint for the sum of Five hundred dollars ($500) to meet expenses incurred in the purchase of supplies for the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. the same to be charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the support of that Branch.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Secy Treasy
Sec. of Treasy
Washn
D.C.

Yr. Obt. Svt
H. Bloodgood
Director

Nov 23d 47

Sir. I herewith enclose copies of certain papers transmitted to the Hon. by Eugene Kelly Esq of New York, on the subject of refining the precious metals in San Francisco Cal, as per request contained in yours of 20th inst.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washn

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
H. K. Lindenmann
Asst Sec'y

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that purpose for three years, a piece payments are
resumed there will probably be a redundancy
of the circulating expenditure that may not
doubtly be presented for presumption, in view
of which it never seems to be prudent
[illegible] to set aside [illegible] in reserve
[illegible] of such coin
[illegible] the limits of varia-
[illegible] 5d metal-copper
copper [illegible] limits of
[illegible] the cent [illegible]
[illegible] metal-copper issued by
[illegible] sufficient supply to
the [illegible] intrinsic
[illegible] required
[illegible] than
[illegible]

5. Authorize the Chandler
[illegible] the Mint of the [illegible] the Mint at
[illegible] equal to compensation allowed by law
[illegible] clerks of corresponding grade at the
[illegible] and post-offices. This adjustment
is required as the incumbents of three of the
[illegible] clerkships of the Mint go in
[illegible] compensation than clerks of the same
grade at the [illegible] post-offices

inadequate for the support of their families

Sec 6. Authorizes the Director at the Joint and Branches of refined bullion to receive for refinery or coinage bullion [illegible] by the Director of the Joint and [illegible] by the Sec-retary of the Treasury [illegible] a draft of [illegible] which is to be refined [illegible] by private enterprise [illegible] the Secretary of the Treasury [illegible] that offers to receive copper [illegible] the interest of the miners are protected [illegible] capital [illegible] shall be [illegible] the [illegible]

Sec 7. [illegible] the [illegible] in the Joint [illegible] minor coinage [illegible] nickel-copper [illegible] Director [illegible] $100 [illegible]

R. P. Linderman

Nov 23d

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Sir

I transmit herewith a draft of a bill relating to the Mint and coinage which if it receives your approval I will thank you to submit to the proper committee of Congress.

Sec 1; Authorizes the coinage of 5¢ nickel-copper pieces at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, it also provides that the duties of Melter & Refiner and Coiner shall be performed by the Superintendent.

Sec 2. Provides for the accretion and investment in U.S. Bonds of the net profit arising from the minor coinage as a fund for the redemption of the 5¢ nickel-copper coin. Sec 3, that of March 16, 1866 authorizes the redemption of that coin when presented in sums of or not less than $100 but no specified fund has been created and no appropriation has been made for that purpose. When specie payments are resumed there will probably be a redundancy of this coin and a portion of it will no doubt be presented for redemption, in anticipation of which it seems to be a prudent foresight

to set aside and hold in readiness the profits arising from the issue of such coin.

Sec 4. Increases the limit of variation in the weight of the 5¢ nickel-copper coin from two to four grains. The limit of variation in the one and two-cent bronze and the three-cent nickel-copper pieces is four grains which is small enough in the case of metals inferior in intrinsic value to gold and silver and is required in order to enable the Mint to prepare the pieces properly.

Sec 5 Authorizes the Secretary to fix the salaries of the clerks of the Mint at rates equal to compensation allowed by law to clerks of corresponding grade at the Branch Mint and Assay offices. This adjustment is required as the incumbents of three of the most responsible clerkships of the Mint receive less compensation than clerks of the same grade at the Assay offices who have undergone only the expense of their janitors.

Sec 6: Authorizes the receipt at the Mint and branches of refined bullion in exchange for unrefined or unparted bullion on terms to be prescribed by the Director of the Mint and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. The provisions of the section are intended to encourage the refining of bullion by providing a market. The discretion left to the Secretary of the Treasury will enable that officer to see that the interests of the Government

Nov 25

are protected against combinations of capital having in view a monopoly of the business

I have the honor, to be, sir,
Your most obt svt
(signed) H. R. Luedeman
Director

Nov 25 7

Gent.

I am in receipt of yours of 23 inst. requesting me to send you 40 no 1 & 2 Cent Coin £6 6s.

The Regulations of the Mint require that the Money shall in all cases accompany an order for small Coin.

Very Resp.
A W Linderman
Director
per A Kacher jr
Ch Clk

Mess M Hamlin & Son
Senn Hall
N.Y.

Nov 25 /4

Sir: I herewith enclose B/L for one dozen Tile shipped per Steamer Rising Star. Your ordinary acct has been charged with $78.00 amt paid for same.

Yours of Nov 14th with enclosing report for September has been received

Yours Truly
A K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Pres

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Nov 25 7

Sir: I am in receipt of yours of 21st inst.

The letter of Mr Trabue enclosing $5.00 has not been received at the Mint.

If you desire the Analysis made you will send about one pound of the Rock (the former Specimen has been mislaid) accompanied by the Mint charge of $5.00.

Wm Preston Esq
Frankfort
Ky.

Very Resp'y
A R Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Ass Clerk

his resignation and the assume of the Branch at Dahlonega by illegible Nov. 25. 17.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

At the request of Dr J. H. Gibbon, I have to state that he was appointed Assayer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N.C. on the establishment of that institution & that he discharged with ability & fidelity the duties of that Office until the 20th of April 1861, when he tendered his resignation & expressed his "desire to receive an honorable dismissal from his trust"

His resignation was forwarded to the Department by the then Director of the Mint (Mr Snowden) on the 30th of April 1861.

It is proper to add that Dr Gibbon transmitted to the Mint, the Assay Coins up to the day of

his resignation and the seizure of the Branch effected by the Rebel authorities.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
H. B. Lowman
Director.

Nov. 26. 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th inst. I have caused the Screw Press, made by David Gilbert, for the Commission appointed to test the processes of Dr J. S. Barclay for perforating the Coinage, and am of opinion that his Bill of nine Hundred Dollars is a reasonable one & should be paid.- It is well known by the Officers of the Mint that Mr Gilbert was employed by the Commission to construct the Press in question.

Mr Gilbert claims that the Government ought to allow something for the time that he has laid

out of the use of the amount he was to receive. I submit his claim for such an allowance without comment.

If we had room at the Mint for the Press in question, we could put it to good use in cutting out the blanks for large Medals.

Mr Gilbert agrees on the payment of his Bill to turn the Press over to the United States.

With great Respect,
Your Obt Servt
A R Lindemann
Director

The Enclosures contained in Your letter are herewith returned.

Nov. 25. 1871

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

I enclose herewith a copy of a communication from Isaac W. Jones Esq. Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N.C. in reference to the employment of one Assistant in the Assay Laboratory, one Clerk & one Melter, at a compensation of One Thousand Dollars each per annum. I respectfully recommend that the Superintendent be authorized to engage the services of these persons at the compensation above stated as soon as in his judgment the public ~~service~~ interests require their services.

With great Respect, I am &c
H. Richardson
Director

(Copy)

Branch Mint Charlotte N.C.
November 13th 1867

Hon A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst. I enclose herewith a correct list of all the machinery apparatus &c in Br Mint at this place that will not be necessary in conducting an Assay office — this duty would have been performed several days sooner but for sudden and severe illness As regards the persons named as assistants and my understanding with the Deptmt, I would say that it was understood that two assistants at least were indispensable viz: one assistant in my assay laboratory, and one Weigh Clerk. The bullion will have to be melted and cast into wedges, the furnaces fed and various other services rendered in the

conducting of an assay and although two assistants are said to be indispensable, three — one to perform the duties I have last mentioned would add to the efficiency of this office and the interest of the Deptmt. John Rigler of this place and for a long time connected with the Mint here and I believe very favorably known to two gentlemen in the Mint at Philada to wit Mssrs Eckfeldt & Dubois would be a proper person to employ as above indicated. I also desire that Thos H. Harmer of New York city be appointed to assist in the Assay Laboratory and Wm P. Moore of Salisbury N.C. be appointed weigh clerk — these three will be all the assistants that I will need and their services can be had for the sums of One thousand dollars each

I am sir very respectfully
Your Obt Servt
(Signed) Isaac W. Jones
Assayer Pro tem

Copy

Nov. 25. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have carefully read the communication from Simpson P. Moses, dated 8th inst. & referred by you to this Office for Report.

There must of necessity be Wastage in operating on Gold and Silver, and of course it is desirable to avoid Wastage as far as practicable. The process in question proposes to avoid Wastage altogether, a result of human action, which I regard as wholly impossible. But assuming that the meaning & design is to diminish Wastage, we ought certainly to look at any process with such a design, and if we cannot pass judgment upon its feasibility or not, beforehand, then we ought by all means to test it practically

Since we know nothing

of the means by which the saving of Wastage is proposed to be obtained, in the communication referred to me, I can give no opinion of its practicability or impracticability, but from a single remark in the document, about the anticipated character of bacteria, &c, I cannot help thinking that where there is such a wild conjecture as this expressed involves, the process is not likely to be practical or successful.

I therefore suggest as a preliminary step, it would be better to have a description of the process submitted to us as for example, a copy of the patent, so as to form a judgment whether the can test the plan or process in the Mint.

Yours Respectfully

Signed A K Anderson
Director

Nov 26th 7

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday (25th inst) exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint

Gold	$.218.622.00
Silver	50.697.16
Ordinary ofs	92.733.13
Copper "	302.217.21
Br Mint San Francisco	13.517.29
" " Denver	883.83
	$678.670.62

Corresponding with the balance as stated on that officers books of account.

Very Respectfully
N H Lindermen
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Per A Thacher Jr
Dir Clk

Nov 26th

Sir

At the close of business hours yesterday (26th inst) I made examination of the books, accounts and monies on hand in the office of the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at Philad^a and found a balance of $5.274.472.48 which corresponds with his statement of accounts for that day.

Very Respectfully &c
Your obt Svt
A R Chandler
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

per A Thacher
D.C. Dir's Clk

Nov 29. 7

Geo. F. Dunning Esq.
Supt. Mint Office
N.Y.

Sir,

I trust that you are pushing your enquiries in relation to devising models for an improvement of our coinage. We need a new entire design of liberty, also, of an Eagle. Please let me hear from you on the subject, before you make any definite arrangements.

Respectfully Yours,
H. R. Linderman
Director.

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Nov 29th 7

Pat C. Booth, Melter & Refiner

Sir

It is important to revise the parting charges, and see whether they are adequate to the expenses of that operation. You will therefore, please furnish me with a statement running through a sufficient space of time, showing what have been the deductions for parting silver, gold and goldish silver; and on the other hand how much was paid for labor and materials. The charge ought to be, on the whole, equal to the expense irrespective of what is gained by the economical combinations of partible gold and silver. Please include also, the amount of wastage for the years embraced in your statement

Yours Respectfully

H. P. Budinow

Director

Nov 29 7

Geo: F. Dunning, Supt
Assay Office, New York.

Sir

It is important to revise the parting charges, and see whether they are adequate to the expenses of that operation. You will, therefore, please furnish me with a statement, running through a sufficient space of time, showing what have been the deductions for parting silver, gold and 'goldish' silver; and on the other hand how much was paid for labor and materials. The charge ought to be, on the whole, equal to the expense, irrespective of what is gained by the economical combinations of partible gold and silver. Please include, also the amount of wastage for the years embraced in your statement

Yours respectfully &c
A. R. Lindsay
Director

Nov 29th 7

Robt P. Swain Esq.
Supt Br. Mint San Francisco

Sir

It is important to revise the parting charges and whether they are adequate to the expenses of that operation. You will therefore please furnish me with a statement running through a sufficient space of time, showing what have been the deductions for parting silver, gold, and gold in silver; and on the other hand, how much was paid for labor and material. The charge ought to be, on the whole, equal to the expense, irrespective of what is gained by the economical combinations of parting gold and silver. Please include also, the amount of wastage for the years embraced in your statement

Yours Respectfully
A. Roman Dunnard
Director

Nov. 29. 7.

Hon Wm Ebhandler,
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

I enclose herewith a Report from Prof J. C. Booth, Melter & Refiner, and J. C. Eckfeldt Esq. Assayer, in relation to the Process of Mr Geo. B. Simpson, for operating on Metallic Ores.

I concur with the Melter & Refiner in the opinion, that it is not applicable to any of our purposes at the Mint.

The Patent and Communication of Simpson & Moses are returned herewith as requested;

With great Respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
H. Patterson
Director,

In addition to what I wrote Nov 29th last I
it appears to me, that this apparatus is for
melting in crucibles, and not for working in
Dr A. R. Lindeman
Director U. S. Mint
Dear Sir
I have carefully ex
amined the Patent of Mr Geo. B. Simpson
No 57.394 and herewith offer my opinion
thereon
1st That it is not in the slightest manner
applicable to any of our purposes in the U.S.
Mint, inasmuch as we do not work any
ores, nor anything requiring reduction, which
is the main object of the Patent
2. It is not arranged for melting, which
is the sum of our metalurgic operations
at the Mint
3. It would be far more expensive in ex
ecution, than the methods we follow in the
Mint, even if the plan were modified for
melting operations on account of the use of
illuminating or other analogous gas.
(Signed) Respectfully yours Jno. C. Booth
Assr

In addition to what Mr Booth has said it appears to me, that this apparatus is for Assay or analysis, and not for working on the large way.

(Signed) J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Copy

Washington City D. C.
November 29th 1857

Hon. Hugh McCulloch
Sec. of the Treasury

Sir

At the request of the Director of the U. S. Mint in Philadelphia as expressed in his letter to you of the 25th inst I have the honor to inclose herewith the original Letter Patent No. 17,394 issued August 25th 1857 to George B. Simpson for Reversing mortable beds which as per his request may be returned to me immediately after the examination that the Director of the Mint desires to make.

Very respectfully
Your obt Svt
Signed Jas. Simpson S. Moore

Nov 30 '7

Gent.

In reply to yours of 27th inst I would state that on Sept 18th the Adams Express Co delivered to the Mint 50 which they had received from Page's Express for 5 Cent Coin. This order will be shipped this day to Page's Express. Your name does not appear on the books of the Mint.

Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir AR

Mr Jas Mansfield for
Gloucester
Mass

Rec'd

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 28th ult. The specimens you send are ordinary Sandstone, with some oxide of iron, and specks of Mica; of no value or interest whatever.

Very Respy
A N Lindenman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Clk

Jno Revel Esq
Muncy
Lycoming Co
Pa

Dec 4th 77

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 29th ult concerning draft $500 for small coins, would state that the money was deposited with the Adams Express Company by Messrs Greene & Co but by some oversight the entry was not made on the books of the Mint. The coins will be forwarded to morrow.

Yours &c.
W. H. Kimberman
Director
per A. Thacher
Bus Clk

J. C. McCrory, Cashr
First Nat Bank
Nashville
Tenn

Dec 4 7

Sir:
Your services are no longer required as an employee of the U. S. Mint.
Cause: Insubordination to the Captain of the Night Watch, and reporting for duty in a state of intoxication

H Bolinderman

Eugene Ahern

Director

Dec 5. 7.

Sir,

I have yours of 2nd inst. Let the statement be prepared as you suggest, embracing the year just closing.

Very Respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt.
H. Linderman
Director Mint.

Geo. W. Dunning Esq.
Supt. Mint & Assay Office
San Francisco

Dec 5. 7.

Isaac W. Jones Esq,
Assayer U. S. Branch Mint,
Charlotte N.C.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a letter from the Treasury Department, authorizing the engagement of the services of One Clerk & one Workman, at your institution, on certain terms and conditions therein stated which you will please observe.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt
Dallas

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Copy

Treasury Department
December 2nd 1867

Sir

As recommended in your letter of the 25th inst, the Assayer of the U. S. Branch Mint at Charlotte N. C is hereby authorized to engage the services of one clerk and one workman, at a compensation of $1000 per annum each, as soon as in his judgment the public interest require their services. The names of the persons to be appointed should be submitted for the approval of this Department before they are placed upon duty. Whenever in the opinion of the Assayer another workman is absolutely necessary for the well conduct of the Branch Mint, a statement to that effect from him with your approval will be considered

H. R. Linderman Esq
Director of U S Mint.
Phila Pa

I am, very respectfully
(Signed) Edwd Cooper
Actg Asst Secy of the Treasury

Dec 7, 7

J. Smith Homans Esq,

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of Yesterday.

In order to place the report in the hands of those who take an interest in financial affairs, I comply with your request & send you by Express Fifty Copies thereof.

We shall avail ourselves of your kind offer to publish anything of public interest relating to Georgia when occasion calls for the same.

Very Respectfully,
A. R. Lindsman
Director

Private

Dec 7th 7

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co
New York

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 5th inst has been received. It would give me much pleasure to furnish a copy of the Report referred to, but having been addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, it should not be made public without his consent. The proper mode of getting it in shape for public information would be by a Senator or Member of the House offering a resolution asking the Secretary to communicate any correspondence in relation to alteration of laws in reference to refining at the Mint &c

I am with much respect
Very Truly Yours
A. Roman
Director

Dec 7th 1

Sir

In reply to yours of 4th inst would state there is no record on the books of the Dist of such a draft as you state have been received.

Very Respectfully &c
N K Linderman
Director
for A Thacher
Dr C K

Saml Stark Cash
Wyoming Nat Bk
Tunkhannock
Pa.

I enclose express Receipts for the shipment of to day.

Very Resp
N K Linderman
Director
for A Thacher
Dr &c

Isaac W Jones Esq
Assessor 11th Dist
Charlotte
N C

Dec 7 77

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your Branch per Adams Express Co

2 pair Tongues
2 Forceps
1 Box Capelle
1 Carboy pure Nitric Acid
= ounces fine Silver.

The Assay Balances, & Set of Weights for deposit Scale will be forwarded as soon as they can be manufactured.

I inclose Express Receipts for the shipment of to day.

Very Respy
A K Heinderman
Director
per A Thacher
Sec'y

Isaac W Jones Esq
Assayer U S Br Mint
Charlotte
N C.

Dec 9. 9th 7

James E. McFarland Esq.
Cashier &c
Dear Sir.

I have your letter of the 6th. inst.

In consequence of extensive repairs to machinery being required, the operations of the Mint were suspended from August to October 1st. last, in which time near $400,000 deposits for small coins accumulated. These deposits are now being paid off and until completed subsequent depositors will have to await their turn. If, however, you specially need $50 in small coins for purposes of change we will supply that amount on receipt of your draft for a corresponding sum.

Very Respy. Yours
A R Snowden
Director.

Dec 9th 4

Sir

Yours of 5th inst has been rec'd. The specimen enclosed therein for examination is Mica with a little iron and very common.

Yours &c

A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacker
Asst Clk

G. G. Murdock
Belair
Ohio

Dec 10

Sir:

I herewith enclose Requisition of Supt Branch Mint San Francisco Cal for $90.668.41 with my approval, and request that it may receive early attention

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
A. E. Lindenmow
Director

Dec 10 7

Sir: I am in receipt of yours of 16th ult. enclosing Reports of your Branch for the month of October by Alag. Requisition for $90.66 t.41 which I have forwarded to the Dep't at Washington with my approval, and the request that it may receive early attention.

Robt B Lowe Capt
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Resp'y
A Roelinderman
Director

"Copy"

Dec 10. 7

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

I transmit herewith, for your information, a copy of a communication received by me from the Finance Department of the Dominion of Canada, and my reply thereto, in relation to the amount of Silver Coin of the U. States in circulation in that Dominion, and the fineness and intrinsic value thereof, compared with the Silver Coins of Canada.

With great Respect,
Your Obt Servant,
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

(Copy) John Rose
Minister of Finance
Canada

To the Director of
The United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

"Copy"

Department of the Minister of Finance
Ottawa, December 5th 1867

Sir:

The United States silver coins, current in Canada, are at a considerable discount relative to gold, & the Government are consequently obliged to refuse to take them in payment of duties. Will you oblige me, by informing me at your earliest convenience what is the fineness of the 25¢ and 50¢ pieces coined by the United States since 1850, and at what rate you would be willing to receive such pieces in exchange for gold or gold-drafts? Also whether in the event of your being willing to receive them at any rate, you would, so receive a million of dollars worth, or only a few hundred thousand.

I have the honor to be, Sir
Your obedient Servant
(signed) John Rose
Minister of Finance
Canada

To the Director of
The United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

specie payments, it might be advantageous to both parties, if we should take your accumulation of our silver coin [illegible] for the same in gold [illegible] suitable terms. The matter would rest with the Secretary

Dec 10th

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'Copy'

Sir

In reply to your favor of the 5th inst I have the honor to state that the accounts of gold and silver are kept entirely distinct in the Mint of the United States, & payments for bullion or foreign coin are made in kind. Moreover our silver coins have a higher legal than intrinsic value, and being used only to make change, are a legal tender to a limited amount. I infer that your own silver coins are also refused in payment of duties (except for change) because they are in fact of less intrinsic value than ours. To show the comparison please observe: that your 20¢ piece weighs three dwts and is 925 thous fine, while our 25¢ piece weighs four dwts and is 900 thous. fine. Hence in $100 of your coin, there is 69.375 ozs fine silver, and in $100 of our coin there is 72 ozs fine silver; an advance of nearly four per cent on your rates.

In the event of our returning to

specie

specie payments, it might be advantageous to both parties, if we should take your accumulation of our silver coin and pay for the same in gold upon suitable terms. This matter would rest with the Secretary of the Treasury, and I will therefore forward to him a copy of your letter, with this reply to be placed on file for future action, or consideration.

I take occasion to send you a copy of my Annual Report, just issued: and remain very respectfully &c

Your obt svt.

(signed) H. R. Linderman

Director

Hon John Rose

Minister of Finance

Canada.

Dec 10th

Sir:

Your favor of 7th inst is recd. According to your request, the proceeds of the gold sent to the Mint, amounting to $2153 37/100 gold coin was shipped to the Fourth National Bank of New York ath. (per Adams Express Company) to credit of Mechanics National Bank of Boston.

Yours &c.
S H B Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

Mechanics Nat Bank
Boston
Mass

Dec 11 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 10th inst enclosing transfer check $2.000

The coins as ordered will be shipped this day.

Very Resp
A O Lindeman
Director
per W Thacher
Dis Ck

Hon F E Spinner
Treas U S
Washn
D C

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Dec 11th 7

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst received. Two-thousand (2000) dollars in small coins were shipped to your address this day, the remainder ($5000) will be forwarded during this week. The delay in filling your order has been unavoidable owing to the large accumulation of orders during the three months the Mint was closed for repairs

Very Respectfully &c
A. R. Lindeman
Director

T. P. Chandler Esq
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Boston
Mass.

Dec 11th 7.

J. P. Steiner Esq
Priestley's
Phil
Dear Sir,
It appears that about a Gallon of O2 is necessary to make a practical test. — Can you furnish that amount for the purpose.

Very Truly Yours,
H. B. Luderman
Director

Dec 11th 7

Sir:

Yours of the 9th inst received. In reply would state that all orders for small coins must be accompanied by the amount desired in exchange. The orders are filled according to the date of entry on the books of the Mint.

Very Respectfully &c
E. Dickinson
Director

Athabel Wing Cash.
Nat Bk of Ft Edward
Fort Edward
N.Y.

Dec 11. 7.

Messrs Jno. Dixon M.D.
Jersey City N. J.

Gentlemen,

Your receipted Bills for Cinnabar shipped to the Branch Mint San Francisco, with Bills of Lading, have been received. The funds in settlement thereof will be remitted to You to morrow.

I have now to request that You will duplicate the order and ship by a different vessel. — Consign the article to U.S. Branch Mint San Francisco, & present Bills of lading & account in duplicate to this Office for settlement.

The shipments are made different to avoid inconvenience in case of loss.

Very Respectfully
F. Kohnderman
Director

Dec 12 7

Gent.

I herewith transmit Jay Cooke & Co's J C & C No. 1 for $1654.25 & your order for Crucibles shipped to Branch Mint San Francisco by "Marmion" as per bill rendered in yours of 10th inst.

Very Resp.

Mess Jos Dixon & Co
Jersey City
N.J.

W. L. Dudleman
Director

Dec 12th

Dec 12th

Sir

The specimen enclosed in your letter of the 6th inst is oxide of iron with a little mica, and of no value.

I have Respectfully &c
A R Kinderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

J. F. Bayless
East Palestine
Columbiana Co
Ohio

F. E. Spinner Esq
Treasurer U S
Washington

Dec 12th

Sir

Yours of 11th inst, with enclosed check for $500 received. The amount in small coins will be shipped tomorrow, as per request to First National Bank of Denver Colorado.

Very Respectfully
A K Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Asst Clk

F. E. Spinner Esq
Treasurer U S.
Washington

Dec 12 7

Sir:

I herewith enclose B/L for Cracks shipped per "Mary".

Your account has been charged with ($654.25) Six hundred fifty four & 25/100 amt of bill rendered for same

Robt B Swain Esq
Supy U.S. Dr Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Respy
A. W. Lindermann
Director
per A. Kacher
Dro Ck

Dec 12 7

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your address, per Adams Express Co, One Box Containing a set of Weights for Deposit Scale at your Branch. (1 & 2 Standard 300 oz down) Enclose B/L for same.

Very Respy
A H Lindeman
Director
per A Hache
Dir Clk

Isaac Wooner Esq
Assayer U S Br Mint
Charlotte N C

Dec 13th 7

Sir

The box alluded to in your communication of the 9th inst has been received. Its contents, being very common possess no pecuniary value.

Very Respectfully &c
H K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Ck

W. H. Sutliff
Town Line
Luzerne Co
Pa

Dec 13th 7

Sir:

Yours of the 12th inst received. The coins alluded to have been shipped to your address.

Very Respectfully &c
A R Linderman
Director
per A Racker Jr
Dis Clk

C. H. Webster Esq
U S Depository
Baltimore
Md

Dec 14 7

Sir:

In reply to your favor of 11th inst I would state that the Mint is authorized to receive orders for the 1, 2, 3, & 5 Cent Coins without limit.

I enclose a copy of the regulations relative to the distribution of the said Coin.

An order received this day could not be filled in less than six or eight weeks.

Very Truly
N K Kinderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dis Clk

Thos Rames Esq
Cashr
Farmers Nat'l Bk
Rochester
N. Y.

Dec 14. 97.

A. Lowrie Snowden Esq.
Chief Comer.
Dear Sir.

I desire to call your attention to the enclosed statement, & request that hereafter a statement similar in all respects be furnished me weekly.

Very Respectfully
H R Linderman
Director,

There should be one statement covering the operations on Gold & another there on Silver

H R L

Dec 17, 7

James B. Longacre Esq.
Engraver.
Dear Sir,

If agreeable to your views I think under all the circumstances that we had better charge the Report $50 — for Engraving the Sheffield Die. — It was done to oblige a former Employee of the Mint when he was disabled from performing work by reason of affliction in his family. —

No further work of the kind will hereafter be done for any one & the operator will from this time forward please wipe from hands all work of whatever kind or description ~~without orders~~. — This regulation will be strictly enforced.

Yours Respectfully
W. K. Snodgrass
Director.

Rec'd 16 Cy

Sir:

I herewith enclose B/L for four passes Fire Mate & one Flag, shipped to your Branch.

The Covers have been ordered, and will be forwarded when completed.

Col. Lane Esq.
Supt. Ord. Dept.
Weaver

Very Respy
A. R. Linderman
Respect
Cot.
per A. Thacher
Sec'd

A. R. Linderman
Ordnance
per A. Thacher
Sec'd Cot.

Marshalbaum & Lappius
Jos. Ludlow
Fort Monroe
Norfolk.

Dec 16th

Sirs

Yours of the 9th inst. enclosing $20. in currency for 5¢ coin is received. Enclosed will be found a copy of a circular containing the regulations of the Mint for the distribution of small coins. In this instance the Mint will pay the freight on your order, which will be shipped to day, but hereafter you will be required to conform to the regulations as contained in the circular

Very Respectfully
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Hacker
Dis. Clk

Weichselbaum & Tappan
Post Sutler
Fort Leavenworth
Kansas.

Dec 17 7

Gent:

Yours of 14th inst enclosing check on 1st Nat'l Bank, Zanesville, O is received. ($50)

I herewith return the enclosure, and have to request that you will transmit a dft, payable in New York or Phila da to the order of the Treasurer U S Mint.

The Mint has no means of collecting dfts on points distant from this City.

Very Resp'y
A K Hinderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Ass't Ck

Mr E E Fillmore & Co
Zanesville
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Dec 17. 7.

Chambers & Ketchin Esq.
Treasurer of the Trust.

Dear Sir,

The existing contract for supplying of Nickel expires February 1st. next and it will be proper to consider what steps should be taken in relation to future supplies. I will be pleased to furnish you with an estimate of any probable requirements in the future whenever you desire it.

Very Respectfully,
H. Rosenbaum
Director

Dec 18 7

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U.S. Branch Mint
San Francisco Cal.

Forward December Assay Coin as soon as ready. Want them for annual Assay.

J R Linderman
Director

Telegram

Dec 19. 1847.

A. Lowden Sawyer Esq.
Chief Coroner.

Dear Sir,

In an application made to me this morning by Mr Ward, for an increase of compensation to John Richardson, it was stated that he had been running one of the Engines for a month or two past. Will you please state whether it is the practice in this case or others to entrust the Engine in the hands of those not possessing the requisite qualifications for such duties.

Very Respectfully,
J. H. Bonderman
Director

Dec 18 /7

Sir

I herewith enclose B/L for Covers shipped to your Branch, which completes your Requisition of 14th inst.

Your account has been charged with the following amounts.

100 pro Fire Mitts	64.28
1 Flag	20.00
200 Covers	79.50

Your Requisition of Dec 3rd has been received and shall have attention

Yours Respy
A. Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir C&F

Geo. W. Lane Esq
Supt C&F Br Montr
Dear Sir
C.

Dec 19. 7.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.
Sir.

I have the honor to inform You that I have this day caused the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars, $300.000.- to be transferred to the Asst. Treasurer U. S. in this City, on account of Profits on the last Coinage a/c

With great Respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
J. R. Linderman
Director

Dec 18 7

Gent.

I herewith enclose Jay Cooke & Co's Drft. No. 3030 to your order $499.50 in payment of bill for Covers shipped to Br. Mint, Denver, Col.

Awaiting an acknowledgement I am

Very Resp.

Messrs Joe Dixon & Co
Jersey City
N. J.

J. H. Lindeman
Director
per A. Kacher Jr
Dis Clk

Dec 18 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 17th inst. I have to state that the nominal value of one pound of Nickel-Copper Cents, is 98 Cents. The purchase is made by bought out, the price paid per pound is the average nominal value.

Very Respy
A K Linderman
Director
per A Hackerson
Dis Ck

Cashier of
Uncas Nat'l Bank
Norwich. Conn

Dec 19. 7.

A. Lowdon Snowden Esq,
Chief Engineer.

Dear Sir,

I have your report in the case of John Richardson which is satisfactory.—

To prevent the tendency which evidently exists among Engineers generally to devolve a portion of their duties on subordinates, I have to request that you will adopt every possible precaution to insure at all times during working hours, the close attendance immediate supervision of the Engineer this principal department, some or the other should during working hours, have the steam power under close observation.

Very Truly Yours,
H. Rolendermeier
Director

Dec 19th

In order that the laws on the subject may be complied with, I herewith forward to you, Dear Sir, Mint laws, & beg to refer you to pages 77, 23, & 50. Some weeks ago I wrote to Geo. F. Dunning Esq. Supt of the Assay Office in your city stating my desire and intention to improve the artistic appearance of our gold and silver coins, & requested him to confer with artists of distinction in relation to the preparation of designs of a figure emblematic of Liberty and an Eagle. In due time Mr Dunning has mitted to me your communication of the 7th inst to him, in which you suggest the names of sculptors eminently fitted to furnish designs. Having consulted with the operative officers of the Mint, and duly considered the subject I have now to state that I should be pleased to receive any suggestions or designs which yourself or any of the artists you have named may think proper to offer. Although I have no special appropriation to meet the expenses incident to this request, but having legal authority to work designs, I feel justified in offering a moderate compensation especially for works of real merit and adaptation.

In order

In order that the laws on the subject may be complied with, I herewith forward to you, a Digest of Mint laws, & beg to refer you to pages 77, 43, & 50. You will there find a limitation as to gold coins, but a larger scope as to silver.

I have no special suggestions to make except that no devices should be planned whose effect depends upon a high or rounded relief; an error into which artists who are not die-sinkers, are apt to fall. It is necessary that the work shall be brought up by a single action of the coining-press. While the designs, to be available, need not be elaborate, they should be clearly and well defined, accurate in proportion and without ambiguity in the expression or accessories. A clear and well drawn outline would be sufficiently suggestive, and would furnish all the detail that would be needed for the operations of the Mint.

In offering the foregoing suggestions, I do not desire to confine the artists to any particular limits, preferring to allow them full scope for the exercise of their conceptions. Any modification that

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may appear to be necessary after the designs shall have been prepared and submitted can be fully discussed, and carefully considered.

With a due appreciation of the lively interest manifested by you in this matter, and with thanks for your attention.

I, are, Sir

Your most obt Svt

A. R. Lindsman

Director

D. Huntington Esq.,
National Academy of Design,
New York City.

Dec. 20. 7

A. London Snowden Esq.
Chief Coiner.
Dear Sir

Mr A H Downing is promoted to the Foremanship of the Coining Room & Mr Samuel James will be transferred from the position he now fills to the Foremanship of the Machine Shop made vacant by the decease of William Hallowell. This order is made on your report & recommendation. —

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Dec 26 1865

W. H. Harris
Act. Asst. Treasurer
New York.

All
Small Coins due you
will be forwarded to day
can send you three
thousand in a day
or two.

H Robinson
Director.

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Dec 20. 7.

Dear Sir.

I am considering the propriety of engaging the services of an expert Modeller - And would be greatly obliged if You would put me in correspondence with an artist in that line possessing the proper qualifications.

With great Respect.
Your Ob. Ser.
H. Rolendermann
Director of the Inst.

Mr Huntington
Rest. Polytec. Design
New York

Dec 20. 7.

Prof J. C. Booth.
Melter & Refiner.

Dear Sir,

You will please divide your purchases of crucibles, covers, lips & stoppers, (Black Lead) between Messrs Hall & Ramig & Messrs Jos. Dixon & Co. Jersey City.

Experience proves that in purchasing supplies, it is necessary in order to protect the Government, to bring manufacturers & others into competition with each other.

I am very Respectfully
H. Rolandsman
Director.

Dec 20th 7

Sir:

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Allowances for over-time will only be made when the labor is actually performed, and when there is a necessity therefor.

Very Respectfully &c
H K Linderman
Director
for A Thacher
Director Clerk

J R Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer
Mint U S Mint.

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A. Lindemann
Director

J. R. Poore Esq
Mint & Refinery
Philadelphia

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Chief-Coiner

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A R Snodgrass
Director

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Dec 20th

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Engraver. U S Mint.

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Very Respectfully
A R Linderman
Director
per W Thacher jr
Director's Clerk

Dec 20 7

Gent:

In reply to yours of 16th inst. I would state that your order for Smale Corn was filled and shipped to your address on the 9th inst.

Yours Simpson Bros
Lawrence
Kansas

Very Resp'y
H K Fenderman
Director
per A. Hacker
Dir. Ck

Dec 20. 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 16th inst, I would state that the Union Nat'l Bank of this city deposited with the Adams Express Co. the amount of your order for Small Coin: On receipt of your letter I called upon the Express Co to explain the delay occasioned in making the shipment, and received the following reply. "It was received by some of the Clerks in the Money Office of the Adams Express Co and laid aside and forgotten". The Mint never received the deposit, nor knew any thing of the transaction. Orders received Oct 16th are being filled and shipped this day.

Your Coins will be forwarded to morrow on the deposit of the funds by the Express Co.

Very Resp'y

H. Rolinderman

Director

Indiana Bank'g Co

Indianapolis

Ind.

Dec 21. 7.

James B. Sargent Esq.
Dear Sir.

It is proper that all the persons in your Department whose time is principally occupied on the Court Service by you should be taken from your Attorney Roll & placed on an affiant Roll for payment on a par by Court Service. Now they should be placed on this roll. Please furnish the names to me by return for that purpose. Very Truly
J. R. Underwood
Senator.

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Dec 21 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 19th inst. No Coins bearing date 1868 will be struck until after the 1st day of January of that year.

Your order of Oct 18 for $50 5 Cent Coins will be filled & shipped to your address at the 25 of this month.

Wm H Squires Esq
No 1 Exchange Building
Albany
N.Y.

Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Ck

65657

Dec 21

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 18th inst. In reply I have to state that the Mint does not sell gold.

Very Respy
A L Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Ck

Geo H Howell Esq
108 Seymour St.
Syracuse
N.Y.

Dec 24 7

Gent

Your favor of 21st inst is at hand & contents noted.

I have to request that the Coin referred to may be shipped to the U S Mint (the expense of said shipment to be paid by the Mint) subject to an investigation concerning the proper owner of said Coin.

Very Resp
N Kindermann
Director

Mr Lavender Rowe
213 Nth 3rd St.
St Louis
Mo

Dec 26 7

Sir:
I am in receipt of yours of 23 inst. enclosing specimen of mineral for examination.
It is the brown oxide of iron, with mica; a good ore to work.

Very Resp'y
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir. Clk

J. G. Theaffer Esq
Hanover P. O.
York Co
Pa

Dec 27 7

Sir:

The usual monthly count and examination, made before business hours yesterday (26th inst) exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint

Gold	166.438.97
Silver	38.143.46
Ordinary a/c	74.381.49
Copper "	130.500.16
Branch Mint San Francisco	10.631.61
" " Denver	712.05
" " Charlotte	292.04
Total	$423.299.78

Corresponding with the balances as shown on that officers books of account.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treas'y
Washington
D.C.

Very Resp'y
Your Ob't Serv't
H Boldemann
Direct

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Dec 27 7

Sir:

At the close of business hours yesterday (26th inst) I made examination of the books, accounts, and monies on hand, in the Office of the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philada, and found a balance of $5.609.586.56 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day

In the above the following was counted as Cash. viz
Certificates of Temporary Loan $2.044.33

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C

Geo Kept
Yours Tot
H Lenderman
Director

Dec 27 7

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst, in relation to the application of Geo W Lane Esq, Treasurer of the Branch Mint, Denver, to be credited with the sum of $5.000. being a deficit arising from the robbery of his pay Clerk on 14 Oct.

From the facts set forth in the papers on file in this office, it appears that Mr Lane exercised due caution in the appointment of the Clerk who committed the crime, and there does not appear to have been any want of proper caution on his part in protecting the funds entrusted to his Official custody.

The third section of the act establishing said Branch Mint provides that the Officers and Clerks to be appointed under the same shall before entering upon the execution of their Offices, become bound to the U S

of America, with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Mint, or the Secretary of the Territory of Colorado, and of the Secretary of the Treasury, with the condition of the faithful performance of the duties of their office.

I have no means of knowing whether the above requirement of law was complied with in the case referred to.

It is my intention to immediately ascertain if the laws requiring surety to be given by Clerks and other holding positions of Trust in the Mint Establishment have been complied with.

I am
Very Respy
Your obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

J. P. Hartley Esq
Asst Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

6634

Dec 27 7

Sir:
I am in receipt of yours of 26th inst. If you send a piece of the Metal you mention, about the size of a chestnut, I will give you the information desired.

Very Resp'y
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Ck

Mr Eby & Hershey
Care A Eby
Elizabethtown
Lancaster Co
Pa

Dec 27

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 24th inst enclosing check #3124 on the Atlantic Nat Bank N.Y. $300.00 of Jas Pollock. not signed

I herewith return said check for signature; it also should be made payable to the order of the Treasurer U.S. Mint and your order for small coin addressed to him.

I enclose you a copy of the regulations.

Very Resp
A K Lindsay
Director

Jno H Daniel Esq
Wilmington
Will Co Ill

per A Hachet
Clerk

Rec'd 24 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 28 inst. relative to a collection of Coin in your possession.

I know of no one who would be willing to purchase them.

J. F. Ware Esq
Rochester
Drawer 328 N.Y.

Respectfully
S & R Lindeman
Directors
per A Thacher
Dir Clk

Dec 28 4

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th inst.

With a view to relieve the want of the Community in your section of Country, I will on receipt of your off for $50, sent to your address that amount of 5 Cent Coin without delay.

A J Wallace Esq
Atl 3rd Nat Co
Columbia
Ga. Ga.

Very Resp
A R Lindsman
Director
per A T Archer
Vice Pr

Dec 28 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 23d inst.

The deposit of gold dust was received and the Mint receipt & Assay Memorandum was sent by Harden Express to Fairfax & on the 19th inst as requested in your former letter.

The receipt will be paid on presentation at the Mint if properly endorsed

Geo H Safford Esq
Fairfax
Franklin Co
Va.

Very Respy
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Ck

Dec 8th 7

Gent.

The deposit referred to in your favor of 18th inst was returned to you in consequence of the value being too small for the Mint to receive.

I enclose you a circular relative to deposits.

Very Resp
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dr. Clk

Mess Fanning Camp & Co
St Louis
Mo

Dec 28 - 7

Sir:

In reply to yours of 4th inst. received this day, I would state that you can obtain silver dollars for this year, or 1888 after 1st of Jany next. They are sold at $1.08 each payable in Com.

Very Resp.
H R Zimmerman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Ac

Geo W Abbott Esq
626 Montgomery St
San Francisco
Cal.

6707

Dec 30 7

Sir:

When Mr Eckfeldt was appointed in your department a few weeks ago, it was with the understanding that he was to assist in hardening the dies. You will no doubt recollect that our principal object in employing him was to guard against any interruption in the preparation of the dies that might arise from the sickness or unavoidable absence of Mr Jefferson.

Lately in my visit to your department I notice Mr Eckfeldt employed at one of the lathes & the person who was formerly employed at the same appears to have been transferred to the place it was intended that Mr Eckfeldt should fill. Be pleased to correct me if I am in error in relation to the above, and if not, please advise me of the reasons for not assigning Mr Eckfeldt to the duty of hardening dies instead of at a lathe

Jas B Longacre Esq
Engraver.

Very Respy
H. R. Linderman
Director

Dec 30 7

Sir:

Yours of 29th inst advising of shipment of bag of gold is received.

A deposit corresponding with the one you refer to was received at the Mint on the 23 November from the Merchants Union Express Co, the proceeds were paid to them. Your letter has been referred to the Express Co and they reply that the gold will be shipped as per your instruction this day.

Jas Murphy Esq
Care Agt M U Ex Co
Logansport
Ind

Very Resp
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Ck

Dec 30 7

Sir: I herewith enclose Requisition of Geo W Lane Esq Supt & Branch Mint Denver Col for $9,728 with my approval. I have to request that it may receive early attention

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Director's Clerk

Dec 30 7

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish me at your earliest convenience a tabular statement of the amount of wastage on the gold and silver deposits respectively, received at your Branch. Also the amount of Seniorage and deductions received on same. The statements to commence with January 1st 1857 and close with December 31st 1866 - a period of ten years.

Please include expenditure for same period.

Very Respy

H R Linderman

Director

Robt B Swain Esq

Supt U S Mint

San Francisco

Cal.

Dec 30th 7

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Please include expenditures for same period.

Very Respectfully &c
J. H. Lenderman
Director

Geo. P. Dunning Esq
Supt Assay Office
New York.

Dec 31st

Dec 30th 66

Sir:

I have to request that you will furnish me at your earliest convenience a tabular statement of the amount of wastage on the gold and silver deposits respectively, received at your Branch since it commenced operations to the 31st December 1866. Also the amount of ~~wastage and~~ deductions received on same.

Please include expenditures for same period.

Very Respectively &
J. Ross Snyder
Director

Geo W Lane Esq
Supt Br Mint
Denver
Col.

Dec 31st 7

Sir:

I have to acknowledge yours of 30th inst & would state in reply that it will be impossible to furnish you with the Proof Sets before March 1st next. The price will be $30.00 per Set payable in Coin.

Moses Woolson Esq
English High School
Boston
Mass

Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Clk

Dec 31 7

Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 30th inst. covering check #916 for $2.600 in payment of same amount of Small Coin.

The Coin will be shipped this day.

Hon. F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Very Respy
A. B. Lindsman
Director
per W. Wachorst
Dis Ck

Dec 3rd 7

Sir:

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H R Linderman
Director

Jas B. Longacre Esq
Engraver
U. S. Mint

Jas. C. Booth Esq
Melter and Refiner
U. S. Mint

Dec 31st 37

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R. Patterson
Director

Jas B. Longacre Esq
Engraver
U. S. Mint.

Dec 31st 77

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H Rolandsman
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Jacob R. Eckfeldt Esq
A. Loudon Snowden
Chief Coiner

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H Rolandesman
Director

Jacob R. Eckfeldt Esq
Assayer
U S Mint

Private

Jan 1. 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,
I received this morning a Confidential letter from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint San Francisco, stating that a "defalcation" of some $4,000 had been discovered in the Treasurers department of that institution. The case is one of fraud rather than defalcation having occurred in the computations of the Assayer's reports on deposits, by which depositors were overpaid, the loss falling on the Melter & Refiners department. The exact amount of these overpayments cannot well be determined without a settlement of the Melter & Refiners Offs. - The Superintendent has not furnished me with the particulars

necessary to enable me to determine whether a settlement of the M & B accounts should be made or not. He states that no certificate has been made & cannot not be until the Secretary of the Treasury has heard from. I infer therefrom that all the facts of the case have been submitted to you & I will thank you to furnish me with a copy of the papers in the case, in order that I may form an opinion as to the necessity of a settlement of accounts to determine the actual loss.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
J. R. Lindsman
Director.

Jan 1. 8

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir.

We Dr Boies & myself have managed to come to Washington by the noon train tomorrow provided we are not prevented by the severe storm now prevailing at this point. In view of this being possible I have deemed it proper to forward the "Notes, Calculations & Suggestions" which I have prepared for the consideration of yourself & the Chairman of the Committee on Finance. The papers containing the same are transmitted herewith. We have also prepared the draft of a Bill covering all essential points which we will bring with us. Meanwhile perhaps you will have time to examine the points submitted.

Very Respectfully
H Rounsevelle
Director.

Jany 2nd 8

Eli Young Esqr.

Sir

Yours of Dec 30th 1867 is received. The proceeds of the 10th of Nickel cents we delivered to Adams Express Co Oct 16th 1867 who sent them to Duncanson in Eng. They have ordered their Agt at Duncanson to ship them to your adress.

Respectfully Yours
H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dir Clk

Jany 2d 8

Sir:

Referring to my letter of yesterday respecting the case of the alteration of the Assayers report of deposits, at the Branch Mint, San Francisco Cal, made by the Treas-urers Calculation Clerk. I have now to re-port that a reclamation has been made upon us by L B Darling of Providence R.I. for a deficiency in the fineness of the Sweeps of that Branch for the year 1866, sold through this office. There is reason to believe that the Assayers report of the fineness of the sweeps was tampered with by the same Clerk in order to reduce the Melter & Refiner's Wastage and thus cover the amount overpaid to depositors.

The claim will be made the subject of a communication to the Supt of the Branch Mint, San Francisco

Very Resp
Your Ob Svt
N. Blunderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Sec'y of Treasury

Jany 28

Sir:

I regret to inform you that in consequence of the severe sickness of my son, I am unable to come to Washington to day. On conferring with Mr Dubois, we have concluded it best to forward the Bill prepared at your suggestion, and defer our visit until Monday next. Meanwhile the Chairman of the Finance Committee will have an opportunity to examine the papers transmitted from this Office.

I hope that the unavoidable delay in our visit will cause no inconvenience to the Department

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H R Linderman
Director

Jany 28

Sir: I have to request that you will furnish this Office, at your earliest convenience, with 25 Copies of bonds, in blank, according to the form customary to be used in the Department for Clerks.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Resp'y
H B Lundeman
Director

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Jan 2. 17

Robt. P. Swain
U. S. Dr. Attnt.
San Francisco,
Cal.

The party to whom ~~Your~~ Scrips of Sixty Six were sold makes Reclamation for a deficiency of about One Thousand Dollars - I send particulars by Mail

H Rohrdeaman
Director.

Jan 2. 7.

L. B. Darling Esq.
Providence R.I.

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult. addressed to the Treasurer of the Mint in relation to the Specs sold you in July last, has been referred to this Office. In reply I have to state that the claim made by you will be considered & examined into as early as practicable. We shall have to write to the Branch Mint San Francisco & receive a reply, before your claim can be acted on.

Very Respectfully
H Robinson
Director

Rec'd. 7.

Prof J. C. Booth
Mint & Refinery,
Dear Sir,

Referring to the enclosed communication from Mr Post Wharton I desire that you will inform me whether the Nickel manufactured by Wharton & Hartman is equal in quality for coinage to the English refined Nickel. — & whether any further trial of the former is necessary before concluding bids for supplies of that article.

Very Respectfully
R. Snowden

Director

should state that this is not an isolated case. Similar cases have recently been brought to my notice the more belonging of the [illegible] Jan 8. 7.

You will see, we are no doubt being [illegible] of deposits [illegible]

John Bingham Esq,
Supt. Adams Express Co.

Dear Sir,

On the 28th. of August last the Third National Bank of Chicago sent to the Nat'l through the Union National Bank of this City $1400 — for exchange for Gold coins. This money passed into the hands of your Company August 30th. last & was not deposited at the Nat'l until to day. We have now to make an exception to the rule of paying deposits in the order in which they are made or the depositor in this case must suffer a further delay of some days before receiving returns. Under the circumstances of the case I have instructed the Treasurer to forward the coin to day.

It is proper that I

shewed state that this is not an isolated case. Similar cases have recently been brought to my notice. The mere bringing of the subject to your attention, will no doubt bring this special class of deposits within the strict regulations & promptness which always characterise your Company's business.—

Very Respectfully
H. Blanderman
Director

Jan 3, 7

J. R. Eckfeldt Esq.
Assayer U. S. Mint.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of this date I have to inform you that the moneys received by you for assay & analysis of ores, should be transferred direct to the Ordinary Fund of the Mint, & the funds now in your hands arising as above will be so transferred & you will notify the Director & his Clerk of the transfer that the amount may be entered on the appropriate acct. kept in this Office.

Very Respectfully
W. R. Snowden
Director

Map 3 E

Clerk

Pay amount of bill rendered
for Lt Cooke's Office, Shipbuilding
by Lorenzo Moore to Francis
Skipper Master of Lighthouse Schr
Jay Cooke & Co. off $2102 in full
of claim on file 70 & 65 &c.
Receipt of which please acknowledge

Not to Lorenzo Moore
Jersey City
N.J.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Amos
per A. Rocker
Asst Clk

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Jany 3 8

Sir

Please find enclosed a Copy
Memorandum of deposit received
from Mr Trabbron of Detroit o
personal contained in your
of 18th inst

Yours respectfully
A H Fora Esq C.
Washington
Boston
Mass

A H Emmons
Agent
per Attached
Mr Ark

Jany 3 8

Sir

The following goods have been shipped to your Branch per Ship "Dexter" as per Bill enclosed, and the amounts set opposite have been charged to your Ordinary a/c

Six Casks Crucibles	151.90
Six " Impt Copper	2.754.43
One Bbl Nitro	54.54
One Box Corrosive Sublimate	288.50
	3.749.37

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Respy
A R Lindeman
Director
per A Backer
Sec

Jan 4

Jan 3. 7.

Joseph Wharton Esq,
Dear Sir,

Your communication of the 2nd inst. suggesting the propriety of a trial of your Nickel was by me submitted to the Mellor Refiner, who report that the article manufactured by Wharton & Fleitman is fully equal to any English Nickel." Accepting the news of the Mellor Refiner as decisive on this point I ~~were~~ not considered it necessary to recommend to the Treasurer a preliminary trial. You thus stand on an equal footing at least, as to quality with your English competitors.

Very Respectfully Yours
W R Lindemann
Director.

Jan 4

Sir:

In reply to yours of 2nd inst. I would state that the Mint does not coin gold of a less denomination than one dollar.

Jno G Hague Esq
Lewisburg
Union Co Pa

Yours Resp
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Kacher Jr
Ass AK

Jany 4 8

Sir,

I herewith enclose copies of papers received from Mr L B Darling of Providence R I in reference to a claim made by him amounting to 44.749 oz gold & 179.262 oz Silver, said claim being based on a deficiency in the fineness of 149 Bolt sweeps sold by me to him in July last for account of your Branch. I submit them to you for report.

I regret to learn of the fraud perpetrated by the Treasurers Calculating clerk and it suggests itself to my mind that he may have some knowledge of the above deficiency also, and I would be pleased to have a full report on this subject.

I also enclose a copy of the regulations for the transaction of business at the Mint & Branches and request that you will report whether all the rules contained therein are complied with at your Branch and if not please designate those which

are not in full force

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Resp
A K Lindemann
Director
per A Hache Jr
Dep. Clk

Jany 6 8

Sir:

I beg leave to submit the following names for Commissioners of the annual Assay to assemble at the Mint on the 10th day of next month.

Prof Joseph Henry of Washington D.C.
" John Torrey " New York
Samuel B Ruggles Esq "
Jas A Taylor Esq of Charleston S.C.
William Welsh Esq " Philad.
Prof. Horsford of Harvard College
Boston Mass.
A J Drexel Esq of Philad.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec. of Treasy
Washn
D.C.

Very Respy
Your Obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

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Private

Jany 6, 1878

Sir:

It has occurred to me, that as Mr Ruggles has had a great deal to do with the International Coinage, it is desirable that he should have an opportunity to examine with some deliberation, the papers that I have forwarded in that matter, and that, if Senator Sherman is content, the best arrangement we can make is to wait a little until Mr Ruggles has made such examination; and if he has any alteration to suggest, to put them on paper in a definite shape. He can then name a day, at which he can confer with Senator Sherman, and the Mint Officers, if such conference is desired.

It is probable that by to-morrow, I shall be prepared to offer one more section, in relation to the Board of Annual Assay, to be added to the Bill.

Hon Hugh McCulloch Sec'y Treasy
Sec'y of Treasy - Wash D.C.

H. Kelsey Sherman
Director

Jan 6 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 31st ult, and I state in reply that 13 oz 11 dwt 11 gr. bar gold is equal to 284 $\frac{74}{100}$ gold Coin.

The Double Eagle contains 516 grains of gold, nine tenths pure; other Coins in proportion

Geo Quincy Thorndike Esq
Newport
R.I.

Yours &c
A R Linderman
Director
per A Raeder jr,
Sec'y

Jany 7 8

Sir:

Referring to the last shipment of Copper (six casks) which exceeded your order by about 1½ tons, I would state that this particular brand has been bought up for the market in Germany, and consequently the supply has been very nearly exhausted. The lot shipped you was held by a party who would not divide it and I thought it best to secure the whole lot.

Yrs Respy
H R Lindsay
Director

Robt B Swan Esq
Supt U S Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

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Jany 17 17

Sir:

You will please furnish this office with a list of the items sold, the proceeds of which were transferred to the Treasurer on acct of the Ordnancy or Cont Fund for the past year 1865

A L Snowden Esq
Chief Owner

Very Respy
A K Fanderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir Ck

Jany 8 8

Sir:
The specimens contained in your of 5th inst are as follows
No 1 Oxide of iron with a little Mica
No 2 Clay iron Stone

J. H. Bayles Esq
East Palestine
Columbiana Co
O

Henry Rasp
A. K. Linderman
Directors
per A. Thacher
Dis Clk

Jany 1904

Sir

As requested in yours of 4th inst I herewith transmit a statement of deposit gold & silver received at this Institution from July 1st to Dec 31, 1903 embracing localities from whence received.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
A. Linderman
Director

Hon Jas Pollock
Comptroller of the Currency
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C. Forward Voucher
D. AK

Jan 10

Sir:
I herewith transmit report of the Supt Branch Mint, San Francisco Cal exhibiting the results of the usual coin examinations made for the month of October & November 1867.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasury
Washington
D.C.

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
N. Ransom
Director
per Attache
Mrs Cal

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Jany 11 8

Sir:
The specimen enclosed in yours of 8th inst is Quartz, nearly pure, of no value or interest.

Very Resp
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir CK

Saml G. Theaffer
Hanover
Pa

Jany 12 8

Sir:

In reply to yours of 11th inst, I would state that the British Sovereign contains 112.95 grains of fine gold; the half Eagle contains 116.1 grains. Each Coin is alloyed with Silver & Copper, but the alloy forms no part of the value.

The 9½ per cent arises from an old Custom House valuation based upon Silver, and is an absurdity which should have been dropped long ago. As the fineness of British coin is somewhat higher than ours, the want of weight makes up for it, there being (as above stated) over 3 grains of gold more in our 5 dol piece than in the Sovereign.

Mess Jas Bennington & Co
454 Broome St
New York

Yours Respy
A. Randolph
Director
per A. Feuchtwanger
Ass. Dir.

Jany 13 8

Sir: I herewith return the two 5 ¢ pieces received in yours of 8th inst. They are both genuine.

The difference between these and the pieces coined previous to February of last year, is that the rays between the stars are omitted, by order of the Secy of the Treasy

First Nat Bank
Springfield
O

Very Resp'y
A K Anderson
Director
per A Kacher
Dis Clk

Jany 13 8

Sir:
I am in receipt of yours of 8th inst reporting a bag of 3¢ pieces .96 Cents short.
In reply I have to state that the full amount was delivered to the Adams Express Co, and if there is a deficiency you will have to make your claim on the Express Co.

D. McIntyre Esq
Ann Arbor
Mich

Very Respy
A. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Thacher
Ass Clk

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Jan 13 8

Sir:

I enclose you off'r on No. 14707 $250 received in years of 9th inst. the amount not being written in the body of the off'r.

Please make the necessary correction & return

Very Resp'y
A R Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Ck

First Nat'l Bank
South Bend
Ind

Jany 13 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit Requisition of Govt Running & Exploring Assay Office New York for $35.000 with my Approval.

Your early attention to same will oblige

Very Resty
Your obt Svt
H. Linderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Jany 13 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 11th inst enclosing Requisition for $35.000 which I have forwarded to the Department, with my approval, and the request that it may receive early attention.

Your Inc & Cont Expense a/c has been credited with $9.329.21 as per Certificate of proceeds of Deduction also enclosed in yours.

Very Resp
A K Lindsman
Director
per A Kacher Jr
Dis Clk

Geo F Dunning Esq
Supt U S Assay Office
New York

Jany 15th 8

Sir:

Mr Huntington of the National Academy of Design has mentioned you as being an expert Moueller; I may conclude to engage the services of such a person and desire to hear from you on the following points.

1. Have you any experience in preparing Models for Medals?

2. Can you furnish me with a specimen of your work in this line?

3. Are you in condition to remove to Philad^a for a reasonable Compensation.

Very Resp^y
W R Sanderson
Director

Mr Obermier
(Sculptor)
627 Broadway (Upper Story)
New York

Jany 13 8

Sir:

I have your letter of the 8th inst and will recommend to the Department, the Employment of Wm P Moore as Weigh Clerk.

I am now engaged in preparing the instructions for the transaction of business at your office & will forward the same to the Secretary for his approval, and when approved the same will be immediately transmitted to you for your official guidance.

It is my intention to embrace in the instructions provisions for casting bullion into imparted bars, at your Branch; the weight & fineness to be stamped thereon.

Please advise me of the actual number of deposits of bullion received at your Branch to date, and what disposition you are making for the safe keeping of the same. It will be necessary for you to observe strict care over these deposits while in your official custody, as well as to see that your assays are carefully and correctly made. The future character of the

Institution will depend to a great extent on the Correctness of all its business in the state.

Yours Respy
H Bonaparte
Director

Isaac W Jones Esq
Assayer Pr Mint
Charlotte
NC

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Jan 13. 8.

John Jay Knox Esq.
My dear Sir.

I am engaged in the preparation of Instructions for the transaction of Business at the Branch Mint, Charlotte N.C., which I will transmit to the Secretary for his approval, in a day or two.

The Superintendent thinks we that his receipts of bullion are beginning to be considerable.

Was there any special enactment in relation to the operations to be conducted at Charlotte. I have no data on the subject. I suppose it is intended that Bullion brought to the institution shall be melted, refined by flasks or cast into bars, on which the Weight & fineness shall be stamped. If the Superintendent should

Under cover to you Written Contracts as to assays of bullion, he did not have us in difficulty. — Please give me immediately any information in your possession as to the nature of the operations originally intended when the Assayer was appointed

I think the Bank Branch Mint, in the Appropriation Bill should be changed to "Assay Office". — What say you on this point.

Respectfully
Your Obt
J. R. Snowden

Jan 13. 8.

D. Huntington Esq,
National Academy of Design,
New York.
Dear Sir,
I have
your esteemed favor of the 9th
inst. giving me the address
of an Expert Modeller, for which
please accept my thanks.
I will open a correspondence
with the Gentleman at once
Very Truly Your Obt
H. K. Lindsman
Director.

Jany 1st 8

Jany 12. 8

Sir. Practical Jokes during business hours
Jan employed in the Workshop of the
Navy Yard Washington reply by Yours
of 13th Inst. and particularly stated that
the Foreman are required to report to
their Officers infractions of the order
March 1st 1841 Upon receipt
of Your letter I will give the order
Director

J. Lewis Crowder Esq
Chief Clerk
Navy Yard
Washington

Very Respy
Your Obt Servant
Director
per C. Thacker
Chief Clerk

Jany 13. 8

Practical Jokes during business hours are improper in the Workmen of the Mint, and are entirely prohibited, and the Foremen are required to report to their Officers infraction of this order.

J. R. Snowden

Director

J. C. Booth Esq
Mint

Jan 14. 8

Isaac W. Jones Esq.,
Assayer U.S. Branch Mint,
Charlotte, N.C.

Dear Sir,

Since writing to you yesterday it has occurred to me that it is hardly proper for you to commence operations before receiving instructions duly approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. One important point is that the half of one per cent. is to be deducted from every deposit for internal revenue under a severe penalty of law, and there must be a set of stamps furnished by the Mint for stamping bars. Particular forms for receipts to be given for deposits of bullion are also required. These are only a few of the details.

I am in correspondence with the Department as to the scope of operations intended to be conducted

at your Branch and the character of the business in general.

I did not submit the instructions for the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury until your reply to the communication is received, also, that of yesterday, and you are requested to communicate fully on all points connected with the business of your agentship.

Very Respt
H R Linderman
Director

Respectfully &c
N Lutherman
Director
per A Hacker
Dr's Clk

Franklin Nat Bk
Columbus
O.

Jany 16th 8

Sir

The money referred to in your letter of the 13th inst was not deposited in the Mint, but in the hands of the Adams Express Company. They have now paid over the amount of both orders and the coins will be forwarded to your address tomorrow, in consideration of the circumstances connected with the delay in receiving the money.

Respectfully &c
N. Lutterman
Director
per A. Kacher
Dr's Clk

Franklin Nat Bk
Columbus
O.

(Copy)

Adams Express Jany 17 8

Dalton Jany 17th 1862

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 11th inst. & herewith enclose an order from Adams Express Co, on the Agt of the Southern Express Co. at your place, directing them to refund $3.75 charged upon lot of Specie Coin shipped to your address from the Mint.

Murfreesboro Tenn. Bk
Murfreesboro
Tenn

Very Respy
N K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

(Copy)

Adams Express Co

Philada Jany 17th 1864

Agent of Southern Express Co
Murfreesboro Tenn

Dear Sir

On our Nashville P P Way Bill No 2 Jany 2/64 from this office is entered "1 Bag $100 for Murfreesboro Savings Bank Murfreesboro Tenn - Paid"

This was prepaid through by the U S Mint & should have been delivered by you without charge. Yesterday the Director of the Mint received a letter from the Bank in which they say you chg them $37c on that Bag. You will please refund the money and charge it back to the Nashville Office if they have entered it to Collect & they will settle the matter with this office as heretofore

Respy Yrs
Adams Express Co
Signed pro Geo C Thompson
Cashr Mint Dept.

Jany 17 8

Gent:

I am in receipt of yours of 14th inst

The following orders for small Coins have been received from you, all of which have been filled & shipped as dated.

Rec^d	Aug 17/67.	$20	Shipped	Nov 5 '67
"	" 29 "	50	"	" 15 "
"	Oct 5 "	100	"	Dec 4 "
"	Nov 16 "	100	"	Jany 7 "

Mess
Henry Clews & Co
32 Wall St.
New York

Very Respy
H K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher Jr
Dis Clk

Jany 16 8

Sir:

Your favor of 15th enclosing a copy of letter from G V Fox Esq, Asst Secy of the Navy, concerning photographic copies of certain medals, and advising of the shipment of medal struck by the Emperor of Russia is received.

The Medal was received this day

Very Respy
A Rosenwald
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Jany 17 8

Sir:

I transmit herewith for your consideration and approval instructions in relation to the transaction of business at the Branch Mint, Charlotte, NC. It is important that these instructions be considered as early as convenient.

I also transmit copies of letters received from the Assayer, in which he requests authority to employ a bench clerk. I respectfully recommend that the employment of Mr William P Moore in that capacity be authorized by the Department.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
[illegible]
Director

"Copy"

U. S. Mint Charlotte N.C
Jany 8th 1868

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director U. S. Mint

Sir

A communication from the Treasury Department, bearing date Dec 18th (ult) has been received, in which the nomination of Thomas H Harmer of New York as Assistant in the Assay Office of this institution was approved and his appointment to said position accordingly made

He reported here for duty on the 1st inst. his Oath of Office having been duly administered, and forwarded to the Department he is now in the discharge of the duties of his appointment

Our receipts of bullion is begining to be considerable, please forward at your earliest convenience the assay balance for which a requisition has been previously made Also the necessary books in which to make entries

I have daily need of a Weigh Clerk Mr William T. Wood recommended by me at the same time that Mr Farmer was, is at my request temporarily assisting me as Weigh Clerk

I beg leave to recommend him again and hope his name may be submitted to the Hon Secty of the Treasury with your endorsement.

I recommend him because he is and has always been strictly loyal and because he is honest and competent.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant

Signed Isaac M. Jones
Assayer U.S. Mint
&c

"Copy"

U. S. Branch Mint Charlotte
N. C.

Hon A. R. Linderman Jany 11th 1868
Director of the Mint

Sir

I had the honor a few days since to address you informing you that Mr Harmer in accordance with directions from the Hon Secretary of the Treasury had reported at this institution for duty

I beg leave now to request that you forward for the use of this Branch a small box of annealing cups say two dozen, the die necessary for stamping the bullion bars issued from this Office, Also two retorts and receivers for distilling acid, as the carboy of acid forwarded by your order from the establishment of Messrs Powers & Weightman Philadelphia contained such a per centage of hydrochloric acid as to render its purification necessary.

I would further state that as applicants

for the deposit of bullion to be assayed are becoming numerous, I would be obliged to you to furnish me with instructions as to what charges are to be made for such assays: i.e. of bullion belonging to private parties and not intended for coinage

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servant
"Signed" J. W. Jones
Assayer Br. Mint
Charlotte

Jan 17. 8.

Thos. L. Clark is assigned to duty in the Clerk Room & deposit collecting Room. & will report for verbal instructions to the Cashier & Treasurer.

Robt P. Moore. will take charge of the Night Watch

This order to take effect Jan 18. 1868.

H Rowdenman
Director

Jan 17. 8.

Robt B. Swaine Esq
Supt. Phila Mint U.S.A.

Sir,

As requested I have ordered to be manufactured for your Pr. two pair cast Iron Rolls at Potts Boyer in the State where ours are cast, & two pair best Steel Rolls at Krupps establishment in Prussia, our order for four pair for the use of the Mint goes out at the same time, so that the rolls will be finished & shipped in about four months.

It is probable that the Bill for the unification of the coinage will pass, in which case we shall have a recoinage of both Gold & Silver.

Respectfully Yours,
J. K. Lindemann
Director

Jany 17 8

Gent:

I have to request that you will furnish the Mint, at your earliest convenience, with two pairs chilled iron rolls, according to specification of diagram enclosed.

Wm A Garrison & Very Resp
209 Liberty St H Lindenmuth
Pittsburgh Director
Pa

As these rolls are for the Branch at San Francisco, you will mark the letters S.F. on the box

Jany 18 8

Gent:

In reply to yours of 17th inst. I would state that I have this day shipped by Adams Express Co 1 Doz Small Cons. to L. J. Page Esq Cashier Chicago Ills amount of deposit made by you with Adams Express Co on 17th July last.

Very Respy
A. B. Lindesmith
Director

Mess E. W. Clark & Co
Bankers.
Philada

The expense of freight has been charged to transportation plants &c

Jany 18 8

Sir: I have this day shipped to your address by "Adams Express Co" the gold Medal struck by the Emperor of Russia to commemorate the edict of emancipation of the serfs of that Country, and which was so kindly placed at the disposal of the Mint for the purpose of being copied.

The Medals mentioned in yours of the 15th inst have been photographed, and I will forward copies as requested in a few days.

Very Resp'y
A. R. Linderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washn
D.C.

Jan 18. 8.

Eugene Kelly Esq.
New York.
Dear Sir.

In a recent visit to the Capital, I met with Mr Hewston of San Francisco, and had a conversation with him in regard to the matter which he is interested in. I remarked that you were unfavorable to his project, and he replied that since Mr K had the matter explained to him, he had withdrawn his opposition. I enclose a copy of the section which as I understand has been sent in to the Committee on Commerce in the H.R. in order that you may see, precisely what is asked. As you represent important interests on the Pacific coast I should be pleased to have your views on the section of the law referred to.

Very R
H. R. Linderman
Director.

(Extract)

That the Secretary of the Treasury, whenever private refineries are established which he shall deem capable of executing such work, is hereby authorized, on such terms and under such regulations as he shall prescribe, to contract with such parties to refine all the gold & silver bullion which may be received at the Mint or any Branch Mint or Assay office of the United States, provided the parties contracting shall furnish satisfactory guarantees that they are capable of refining all the imparted bullion which may be deposited for coinage or assay at such Mint, Branch Mint or assay office and provided further that no delivery of imparted bullion shall be made unless an equivalent amount of refined bullion shall be previously deposited

Jany 18th 8

The following additional Regulation in relation to the transaction of Business at the Mint and Branches, is presented.

No Assay's Report or Treasurer's Receipt or Memorandum of a deposit in which there is any erasing or erased, shall be allowed to be passed or issued, when any correction is necessary a new paper must be made out

H R Linderman
Director

Geo F Dunning Esq
Supt U S Assay Office
New York

Jany 18th 8

The following additional Regulation in relation to the transaction of Business at the Mint and Branches, is prescribed.

No Assayers Reports, or Treasurers Receipts or memorandum of a deposit, on which there is any scratching or erasure, shall be allowed to be passed or issued. When any correction is necessary, a new paper must be made out

H Rhundman
Director

Chambers McKibbin Esq
Frazier Huffington

Jany 18th 8

The following additional Regulation in relation to the transaction of Business at the Mint and Branches, is prescribed

No Assayers Report or Treasurers Receipt or Memorandum of a deposit on which there is any scratching or erasure shall be allowed to be passed or issued, when any correction is necessary, a new paper must be made out

H R Linderman
Director

Isaac W Jones Esq
Assayer.
Br Mint
Charlotte
NC.

Jan 18, 8.

The following additional Regulation is added to the transaction of Business at the Mint and Branches, is presented.

No Assayers Report, or Treasurer Receipt, or memorandum of a deposit, on which there is any scratching or erasure, shall be allowed to be passed or issued. When any correction is necessary, a new paper must be made out.

H R Linderman
Director.

Treasurer of Mint.
Assay Office, N.Y.
Pr Mint. S F. Branches.
& Denver.

Jan 18, 8.

My dear Sir,

Mr Porter is here & I have requested him to remain East until the 10th prox., for consultation in relation to matters connected with Upper navigation. — I hope this will not put you to any inconvenience.

Very Truly Yours
W Redman

Harper's Island
Sept Pr Mo R
Care
Col Ry

Denver

Jany 18th 8

The following additional Regulation in relation to the transaction of Business at the Mint and Branches, is prescribed.

No Assayers Report or Treasurers Receipt or Memorandum of Deposit, on which there is any scratching or erasure, shall be allowed to be passed or used, when any correction is necessary a new paper must be made out.

J. R. Snodgrass
Director

Gold Lane Dec
Left Mint
Denver

Jany 20 8

Sir:

Deposit of gold dust referred to in yours of 18th inst has this day been deposit by the U S Express Co. weight 256.95 ounces.

Your letter has been handed the Express Co for instructions.

Very Respy
A H Linderman
Director
per A Hache
Dy Clk

Chas H Boyd Esq
Chicago
Ills

Jany 20 8

Sir:

In connexion with the subject contained in my communication of 14th inst I herewith transmit a copy of letter received this day from the Assayer of the Branch Mint Charlotte. NC

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
M. L. Dunnan
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
DC

"Copy"

Branch Mint of the U. S.
Charlotte N.C. Jany 17th 1865

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of an Assay Balance forwarded for the use of this institution which I am glad to be able to report in good condition.

You may not be aware, that through inadvertance or from some other cause, no weights were sent with it.

I would also acknowledge the receipt of your communications of the 13th & 14th inst. to both of which I now reply.

In regard to the certain number of deposits made here; I would state that from the 1st to the 11th of January application was made for the deposit of Twenty two thousand (22.000) pennyweight of gold, but for the want of a proper outfit in the office & for the want specific instructions from the Department; I declined to receive them.

My Assistant Mr Harmer having a box of

French decimal weight of standard accuracy (this own private property) We have made one or two assays for private parties (Miners in this immediate vicinity) who were desirous to know the fineness of their bullion that they might not sell it at a sacrifice, to these parties I gave a written certificates that I had assayed said bullion & that it was of a given fineness — these were certificates of assay & not of deposit — Upon further reflection I concluded that even this might not be strictly proper and therefore several days ago, declined performing even this service, until I should be fully furnished with instructions from the Department

I feel warranted in saying, that were we fully equipped, four hundred percent more than the amount I have mentioned, would have been presented, for no public notice had been given that we were ready to receive deposits

I have had a gentleman, Mr Moore, assisting me in cleaning and arranging balances &c in the weigh room — caring for and arranging the Mint library & papers implements &c in order that when the necessary instructions were given we might go to work with as little delay as possible

Trusting you &

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inquiry in regard to a place of safe keeping for deposits of bullion; I would say that in a room adjacent my private room there is a Vault with no other entrance than a stanch iron door, with double locks. The Vault cannot be approached only from this room and the room itself can be safely locked.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt

"Signed" J. M. Jones
Assayer pro

Jany 20 1

Genl:

You will please furnish, for the use of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. two (2) set of gold assay weight.

If possible would like them shipped with the balance ordered some time since.

Mess Becker & Son
Hudson City
N.J.

Very Resp
H. R. Linderman
Director
per A Kachel
Dis Clk

Jany 20th 8

Sir

Deposit of Gold referred to in yours of the 16th inst has this day been deposited by Adams Express Co.

Very Respectfully Yrs

Chas. L. Boyd Esqr
Chicago
Ill.

H R Linderman
Director
per A Kacher
Dr Ck

Jany 21 6

Sir:

I herewith transmit instructions in relation to the transaction of business at your Branch. Also an extract from a letter received this day from the Secretary of the Treasury approving the same.

The Department has the confirmation of the Weight Clerk under consideration.

I have ordered two sets of gold assay weights, which will be forwarded to you as soon as completed.

The necessary blanks for the transaction of business will be sent you at an early day.

Very Respy

[illegible]

Director

J M Jones Esq
Assayer M & Br Mint
Charlotte
NC

(Extract)

Treasury Department

January 21st 1868

Sir

I have received your letter of the 17th instant transmitting a copy of instructions in relation to transaction of business (melting and assaying of bullion casting into bars and stamping the value of the same) at the Branch Mint Charlotte North Carolina which are approved.

7612

Jany 21. 8

Gent.

Deposit of Gold referred to in yours of the 17th inst. has this day been deposited at the Mint by Adams Express Co.

Respy. Yours
N R Linderman
Director
per A Kacher Jr
Ass Clk

Messrs Wilson & Shober
Bankers
Greensburg
N. C.

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Jany 21 7

Jan 23 7

Gent.

Referring to our letter of 21st inst. acknowledging receipt of moneys of 17th with order for one pair chil Rolls, I would state the order was for two pairs chil Rolls.

Please make the necessary correction.

Very Respy
M R Lindeman
Director
per A H Acker
Dro Clk

Mess A Garrison Co
209 Liberty St
Pittsburgh Pa

Jan 23. 88

Sir

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir.

I transmit herewith with my approval the official Bond of Charles. E. Trombly recently appointed a clerk in the Office of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint. San Francisco. I have done this on the official certificate of Judge Hoffman as to the sufficiency of the surety.

I would call your attention to the fact that the oath of Office was taken before a Notary public. The 3d. section of the Act establishing said Branch requires the oath to be taken before some Judge of the United States or of the Supreme Court of said State.

Respectfully Your
B. F. Richardson
Director.

Jan. 23d 8

Sir

I thank you for the information contained in your letter of the 16th ult and request you to procure for the use of the Assayer of this Mint the work you mention, viz: The Mining and metallurgy of Gold and Silver, by J. Arthur Phillips, published at £ 1..11..6.

When you have occasion to write again I should like to know whether, so far as your observation goes, the project of International Coinage finds favor among the moneyed men or statesmen of Great Britain. A bill is now before Congress, for reducing our five dollar piece to a parallel with 25 francs of France; and a reduction of two-pence in the sovereign, would make that also an equivalent.

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt
R. Patterson
Director

B. F. Stevens Esq
London

Jany 24 8

Sir:

Package of Gold dust referred to in yours of 21st inst this day deposited at the Mint by Adams Express Co, and receipt issued to them.

Weight 212.80 ounces.

First Nat Bank
Three Rivers
Mich

Very Resp
A K Linderman
Director
per A Tracher
Dr Clk

Adams & Co will forward statement

(Copy)

Treasury Department
January 22 1848

Jany 25 8

Sir:

I herewith transmit a copy of communication received from the Secretary of the Treasury relative to the appointment of Mr Moore as Weigh Clerk at your Branch

Isaac W Jones Esq
Assayer
Br Mint Charlotte
N.C.

Very Resp
A R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Do Clk

(Copy)

Treasury Department
January 22 1868

Sir

Your letter of 14th inst recommending the employment of Mr Wm P. Moore as Weigh clerk at the U.S. Mint Charlotte N.C has been received. In reply you are informed that the Department has no discretionary power for authorizing the employment of Mr Moore as Weigh Clerk as the law does not provide for the appointment of but one clerk at the Charlotte Mint and fixes his compensation (which place is now held by Mr Harmer). If the services of Mr Moore are absolutely necessary he may be employed and paid as a workman at the rate of $600 per annum.

I am very respectfully
(signed) H. McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

A. L. Lindeman Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Jany 25 8

Cent:

I am in receipt of yours of 22.nd inst.

The coins ordered by you a few weeks since will be shipped to your address this day by the Adams Express Co. They would have gone forward some days since, but your name was overlooked by some means.

It would be two weeks before your order could be reached in its regular turn.

Messr Orff & Watkins
Savannah
Geo

Very Respy
H. Linderman
Director
per A Kacher
Dro Clk

Jany 25 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 21st inst.

Please find enclosed an order on the Agt of the "American Express Co" for the amt of charges paid by you to them for transporting 300 Small Coins said charges having been prepaid by the Mint. The order is signed by the Mint Agt of the Adams Express Co.

Very Resp'y
H K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

Union Bank
Columbus
Ohio.

Jany 25 8

3rd June 30 68

Forty four thousand two hundred & seventy five

July 1st 64

9.125
31.250
2.500
150
1.250
$44.275

H. R. Lindeman

Hugh McCulloch

Jan 27. 8.

Dr W. Jones
St. Joseph, Mo.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 21st inst to J. R. Eckfeldt, Assayer, has been referred to me.

The Branch Mint at Carson City is not in condition for operation, nor is there any appropriation for the purchase of the necessary machinery &c. It is probable that an appropriation to fit up the Institution for Assaying &c will be made during the present Session of Congress.

In case you apply for the Office of Assayer, your application should be made to the President of the United States.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Linderman
Director

Jany 27 8

Sir: I have this day received from the Treasurer U. S. a copy of a letter written by you to him concerning $500 5 Cent Coin ordered for your Bank on Dec 12th last.

The Coin was shipped on Dec 13th by Adams Express Co, to your address, Care Omaha National Bank Omaha Neb.

First Nat Bank
Denver
Colo.

Very Respy
N K Linderman
Director
per A Kacher
Dis Clk

Juny 28 6

Sir:

The usual monthly count and examination made before business hours yesterday (27th inst.) exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint.

Gold	$605.862.41
Silver	21.177.37
Ordinary acct	52.042.08
Copper "	302.323.39
Branch Mint Insurance	147.89
" " Denver	712.05
" " Charlotte	286.54
Total	$981.251.73

Corresponding with the balances as stated on that officers books of account.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
M Linderman
Director

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washn D.C.

Jany 27 8

Sir:

In reply to yours of 24th inst I would state that the former communication was replied to.

The specimens sent were without value or interest. (Ocular examination) If you desire an analysis made you will please send another specimen accompanied by $5.00 the Mint fee.

Very Resp'y
A R Linderman
Director
per A Kacher
Ass CR

Levi Prickett
Barrackville
Marion Co
Iowa

Jany 29 8

Sir:
In reply to yours of 24th inst I would state that the value of oz 4. 2. 12 pure gold is $85.26 Coined money.

Very Respy
H. A. Linderman
Director
per A. Hacker Jr
Dir Clk

Seth Deming Esq
122 Lincoln St.
Boston
Mass

Jany 29 8

Sir: Yours of 25th concerning a deposit of gold dust is received.
The proceeds, $425.39 gold Com, was shipped to your address by Adams Express Co Dec 12th 1865.

John W Blair Esq
Tiffin O

Very Resp
A K Linderman
Director
per A J Kecher
Ass Clk

Jany 29 8

Sir:

Yours of 24th reporting the adjusting balances, ordered for Branch Mint San Francisco ready for shipment, is received.

You will have them carefully packed and marked U. S. Branch Mint San Francisco Cal. Ship them by Express and obtain duplicate receipts for them, which please send to the office.

Henry Troemner Esq
710 Market St
Philada

Very Truly
H. R. Linderman
Director

Jany 29th 8

Sir:

At the close of business hours yesterday (28th inst) I made examination of the books, accounts, and monies on hand in the office of the Asst Treasurer U S at Philad^a and found a balance of $3,720,113.63 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day

In the above the following was counted as Cash.

Certificate of Temporary Loan $2,300.02

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Sec'y of Treasy
Washington
D.C.

Very Resp'y
Yr Ob'd Servant
Rd Lindeman
Assistant
per A Thacker
Ass't Ck

Jan 29. 8.

Chambers, McKibbin Esq
Lexington.

Dear Sir,

Our Stock of Nickel is reduced to about six cases & it shortly must be replaced. Please give the matter immediate attention

Yours Respt.
W K Newman
Louisville Ky

Lexington
Jan 29 8

Jany 29 8

Sir:

In reply to yours of 28th inst. I would state the Mint is supplied with Nickel under a Contract, and it would be impossible for me to purchase outside lots.

Very Respy
H Boudinot
Director

Jno Bliss Esq
Care Jno Wood Sons & Co
Pittsburgh
Pa

Jany 30 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of 24th inst reporting lot of Small Coins $50 short.

The error was made by the Express Co in packing them. A $50 bag which should have been packed in your lot was sent to New York. It was returned this morning and will be shipped to your address this day.

Nat
Genesee River Bank
Mount Morris
N.Y.

Yrs &c
A. Lindeman
Director
per A. Mackey
Asst Cash

Jany 30 8

Sir:

The metal contained in yours of 24th inst is not Silver neither does it contain a trace.

It is tin.

F C Cook Esq
Paducah
Ky

Very Resp
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Hacker
Dis Ch

Jany 21 8

Genl.

Yours of 28th inst having reference to a dft for $100 transmitted to the Treasurer of the Mint for 5¢ Coins has been received.

The last order for small coin registered on the books of the Mint as having been received from you, previous to the month of July last, was under date of May 26th 1837 for $100. The next following under date of Sept 14th for $60. Your name is not recorded during the interim, so the dft referred to in yours could not have been received. The circular dated Nov 19th was no doubt intended to apply to the deposit rec^d Sept 14th.

If you transmit a duplicate dft the coin shall be forwarded without delay.

Very Resp^y

R. Patterson

Messrs Baldwin, Lamson & Nelson
Phila

Direct

Feb. 1. 88.

Dear Sir,

Our work in your department, will be discontinued on and after to day.

If there are any special cases where extra hours are required, you will state the reasons therefor and obtain the required permission.

Very Respectfully,
H. Rudeman
Director.

A. Loudenslager, Esq.,
Chief Clerk
Mint.

Feb. 1. 8.

J. B. Booth Esq.,
Melter & Refiner.

Dear Sir,

Over Work in your department will be discontinued on and after today.

If there are any special cases where extra hours are required you will state the reasons therefor & the same will be allowed.

Very Respectfully
H. Rosenwald
Director.

Feby 1 8

Sir:
I have this day shipped to your Branch, by Adams Express Co. a box containing the following articles viz
2. 100 Gramme pipetts
2. 3 " "
1 Doz Numed Assay bottles.
1 Set of Gramme weights
2.15 ounces pure Silver
Two of the Assay bottles are filled with Solution.

Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director
per A Hachenberg
Dis Clk

Capt Lane Esq
Supt U S Bo Mint
Denver
Col

Feby 1 8

Sir: I have this day shipped to your Branch, one Assay Balance. per Adams Express Co.

J. W. Jones Esq
Assayer
U. S. Br Mint
Charlotte
N.C.

Very Respy
A. R. Lenderman
Director
per A. Thacker
Dis Clk

Feby 3 8

Sir: Yours of 18th inst enclosing report for December 1865, as stated, is received

Robt D Swain Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Yours Resp
A K Lenderman
Director
per A Kacher
Dir Clk

Feby 3 8

Sir: I herewith transmit report of the Supt of the Mint of the Count & Examination made Dec 31st last at that Branch.

Respy Yours
A R Lindeman
Director
pro tem

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasury
Washington
D C

Dir of M

Febry 4 8

Sir:

In reply to yours of 1st received this day, I would state that the obverse or head of the 5¢ piece is the side on which is contained the Shield & date. Also the Motto "In God we trust."

The other side containing the denomination is the reverse or tail.

J B Shaw Esq
154 Reade St
New York

Very Respy
A & Lindermen
Director
per A Thacher
Dir ck

Feby 4 8

Genl:

In reply to yours of 30th ult. I would state that your order for small Coin was received Dec 20th and the Coins were shipped to your address Jany 21st After shipment the Agt of the Express discovered that they were to be sent to Bloomington Ills. & he telegraphed to NY to have the Tag altered & the Coin sent as directed by you.

I presume by this time you have received them.

Very Respy
A K Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Sec C&R

Mesp J P & R C Beckwith
Saybrook
Ills

Feby 4 8

Sir

I have received the following report from the Adams Express Co in relation to the Keg of Cents shipped by you to the Mint for 5th price

"The Keg when it arrived here was broken & the head out. There was a mark on it 1.75 to collect for freight

I have ascertained that it was prepaid in New York & have this day sent him by Express $4.62 being 2.32 lost out of the Keg & 2.30 prepaid in N.Y."

Signed. G. C. Thompson.

G H Salisbury Esq
436 Greenwich St
New York

Very Respy
A L Linderman
Director
per A Racher Jr
Dr's Clk

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Feby 4 38

Sir:

In reply to yours of 3d inst I would state that no gold coins of a less denomination than One Dollar have been issued by the United States.

I cannot inform you where a 25c or 50c gold piece could be obtained

Wm Johnston Esq
Providence
R.I.

Geo Ewing
A.R. Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

Feb. 5, 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

For the first time since the coinage of the five cent nickel copper piece commenced, the Mint is now paying deposits of U. S. Notes for small coins on demand. This is due mainly to the efficiency of the Machinery & the improved method of preparing the nickel copper alloy. During all last month the work on the Minor Coinage was continued until Eleven O'Clock at Night. Since the 1st inst. all overtime has been stopped, as we are able to meet the daily demand upon us from the coinage made during the usual working ~~orders~~ hours.

I have this day advised the Treasurer of the U. States, & the Asst Treasurers at Boston, New York & New Orleans that we can supply such amounts of small coin as they may require for their

respective localities.

I am quite anxious to learn what will be the fate of the Bill for the introduction of the coinage & also that relating to Coinage at New Orleans. Should the same become laws, it will be necessary to continue our present force and to prepare an amount of small coin sufficient to meet the probable demand during the period the Mint cannot necessarily be engaged in making the requirements of the Government & the public under the proposed change of standard. If the Bill should not become a law & the demand for small coin not increase, it will become necessary to reduce our force the last of the present month.

We are keeping all the Machinery in Excellent condition & will be ready to meet promptly any demand that may arise in the event of the passage of the Coinage Bill.

With great Respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
W. Roberdeau
Director.

Feby 5

Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of 1st inst.

In explanation of the delay in shipping your order for $200 Small Coins I would state that the Messenger of the Union Nat'l Bank deposited the money with the Adams Express Co after the Money office had been closed. The Money Clerk deposited it in a Fire Proof on another floor, and since that time has not thought of it until inquiry was made.

The Coins are forwarded this day.

Very Resp.
A R Anderson
Director
per Whacke
Dis Ck

First Nat'l Bank
Johnstown
Pa

800

Feby 5 8

Sir:

Your communication addressed to Wm Worst Esq in relation to the Year of Coinage of all U S Coins. Gold, Silver, & Copper, has been referred to me for reply.

For the information desired I would refer you to the "Mint Manual on Coins of all Nations" by Snowden which contains a tabular statement of the date of issue & no issue &c &c. It can be purchased at Mess J B Lippincott & Co of this city.

Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director
per A Haeler Jr
Dro Clk

Al A Willcutt Esq
149 Ontario St.
Cleveland

Feby 5 8

Sir

You are respectfully requested to attend the meeting of the Assay Commissioners, appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury to meet at the Mint on Monday next, 10th inst. 9 o'clk A M.

Hon John Cadwallader Very Respy
Judge U S Dist Court Pa Lindeman
Philada

Director
per A Kacker
Dro Ch

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Feby 5 8

Sir

You are respectfully requested to attend the meeting of the Assay Commissioners, appointed by the Secty of the Treasury, to meet at the Mint on Monday next 10th inst. 9 o'clk A.M.

Hon Chas Gilpin
U S Dist Atty
Philada

Very Respy
N R Lindeman
Director
per A Kacher
Asst Clk

Feby 5 8

Sir:

I herewith enclose B/L for 1 Doz Assay Balances shipped to your Branch per Steamer "Henry Chauncey". Your a/c has been charged as follows.

12 Adjusting Balances	$1.140.00
12 Packing Boxes &c &c	5.00
	$1.145.00

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt U S Br Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

Very Respy
A K Lindeman
Director
per A Thacher
Dy Clk

Feby 5 8

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Very Respy
A R Linderman
Director
per A Kacher
Dr Clk

Jos M Cake Esq
Collector of Customs
Phila da

Feby. 5th 58

Sir:

It gives me pleasure to inform you that there is no longer any delay in filling orders for small Eagles at the Mint. All orders for your office will now be shipped without delay

Very Respectfully
A. R. Linderman
Director

F. E. Spinner Esq
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

per A. Wacker
Dr. Clk.

Feby 5th 85

Sir.

I take pleasure in informing you that there is no longer any delay in filling orders for the small metal coins. If you desire to order any small coins for your office, they will be shipped without delay.

Very respectfully
N. F. Lincoln
Director
per A. Archer
Dir. Clk

T. P. Chandler Esq
Asst Treasurer U.S.
Mint Boston

Feby 5

Sir:

If you desire any small coin for distribution at your office, your order can be filled without delay.

Very Resp'y
H R Linderman
Director
per A Kacher
Dr clk

Ass't Treasurer
New York

Febr 5th 8

Sir

I take pleasure in announcing that there is no longer any delay in filling orders for small coins at the Mint. If you desire any of said coins for your office, they will be shipped without delay

Very Respectfully
A. L. Linderman
Director
per A. Kacker
Ass Clk

Asst Treasurer
New Orleans
La

8097

Feby 5th 8

Sir:

I take pleasure in informing you that there is no longer any delay in the shipment of orders for small coins. If you desire any of the small coins for your office they will be shipped without delay.

Very Respectfully
A R Loiderman
Director
per A Kacherp
Ass Clk

U S Depositary
Cincinnati
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Pamph

Wt. 6th 8.

Eugene Kelly Esq.

I have your letter of the 3d inst. I met the views of business men on the Pacific Coast in relation to refining silver. I favored the passage of a section authorizing the Branch at that to receive fine bars in exchange for unparted bars on terms to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The effect of this section would be to encourage private refining by throwing it open to competition, and the Mint assay & security of payment by the U. States would be continued to the People. It was also intended that the refinery of the Branch should be kept in a state of efficiency, ready at all times to meet the wants of the public. In this shape the section was originally drawn. Subsequently the Secretary asked for a modification of the section to the effect that the Secretary of the Treasury may contract with any party deemed by him capable of doing all the refining

which would still leave the security of the assay to accounting for the proceeds by the Branch Mint. The Senator represented that you & others would not be opposed to the Bill in the form last referred to.

It is a subject which should be decided mainly on its merits as a matter of economy and accommodation to the important business interests of the Pacific State. It will I suppose have careful consideration at the hands of the Senators & Representatives from that Section & in the end be decided on its merits.

I am as a general principle opposed to special legislation & always to Monopoly.

Very Truly Yours,
W. W. Anderson

Feby 7th 8

Sir:

I have to inform you, in reply to yours of 5th inst that the proceeds of your deposit of gold $119 77/100 was shipped to your address on Feb 1st by the Adams Express Company

Very Respectfully
N K Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

Geo. H. Howith Esq
108 Seymour St
Syracuse
NY

814

Febry 10th 8

Sir

I have to say, in reply to your of 27th inst, that the U. S. Mint does not preserve duplicate copies of U. S. Coins, beyond what is necessary for the cabinet thereof. The information you desire may be obtained of coin dealers.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Snowden
Director

A. G. Palmiter Esq
Ravenna
O.

Febr 10th 8.

Sir

I have to say, in reply to yours of 8th inst, that the Mint does not preserve specimens of U. S. coins, beyond those necessary to complete the cabinet collection thereof. The information you desire may be easily obtained from some dealer in old coins.

Very Respectfully
A. L. Linderman
Director

C. C. Moffat Esq
10 Schermerhorn st
Brooklyn.

8163

Feby 12 8

Sir:

I have to request that you will issue your Warrant in favor of the Treasurer U S Mint for the sum of Five hundred Dollars ($500) to meet expenses incurred in the purchase of supplies for the Branch Mint at Charlotte N.C. the same to be charged against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses for the support of that Branch.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
DC

Very Resp
Your Obt Svt
H R Linderman
Director

817

Feby 12th 8

Sir

The deposite referred to in yours of the 10th inst, was received at the Bank to day. Proceeds will be shipped Express as per your direction

Respectfully Yours
R R Lindeman
Director
per A Rache
Dr Ck

A. Bates Esq
Banker
New Phila
Ohio

8189

Feby 12th 8

Sir

In return for $200 1ct pieces sent you in Error, I have shipped to your address $200 5ct pieces as per yours of the 7th inst

C. H. Mellen Esq
Cash.
Warsaw
Ill.

Respectfully Yours
A R Lindsman
Director
per A Drake
Dis Clk

Feby 12th 8

Sir

Yours of the 8th inst is received I have this day shipped to your address $250. small coin the Amt of your order received Jany 27th

Respectfully Yours
A R Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

Jas E McPherland
Cashier
Meadville
Ga

Respectfully Yours
A R Lindsman
Director
per A Thacher
Dis Clk

Cashier
Farmers & Exchange
County Bank
Wis

July 13th 8

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 3d inst concerning a charge of $8.&c on small Coin shipped to your address by U.S Mint

I herewith enclose an order signed by Agt of Adams Express Co on the Agt of American Express Co at your place for the limit charged you in error.

Cashier
Frenpealean
County Bank
Wis

Respectfully Yours
A K Lindeman

per A Thacher
Director
Dis Clk

February 13. 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a Resolution adopted by the Annual Assay Commission at its recent meeting at the Mint, in reference to the proposed international coinage.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient Servant
H. R. Linderman

The Hon S. B. Ruggles, the delegate from the U S to the International Monetary Conference at Paris exhibited to the Commission for inspection and examination, the duplicate specimens of the proposed international coin of 25 Francs recently struck by the government of France which specimen duplicate was found on examination by the Chief Coiner of the Mint to be of full weight and 24 millimetres in diameter, a little exceeding that of the five dollar American coin and that of the British Sovereign, the Commissioners thereupon expressed their satisfaction with this coinage and their opinion of the importance and value of the proper and speedy unification of the coin of the civilized world.

Feb. 13. 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Sir,

Messrs Franklin Peale, James R. McClintock & John Houston Jr. members of the Assay Commission, having been former Officers of the Mint and familiar by long practice with all the processes and requirements of the institution, made on the 11th inst. at my request a thorough examination thereof and reported the results in a communication transmitted herewith.

In forwarding this communication, it is proper to remark that when the new Machinery ordered some Months since, is put up, the Mint will be of a capacity sufficient for the Recoinage of Gold & Silver contemplated by the proposed Bill for the unification of the Coinage, & for making at the same time, the small Nickel Copper Coins required by the public for change.

The subject of the improvement in the Devices &c of the Gold & Silver Coinage has been under consideration for some months past, and the Models for a new figure of Liberty and of the Eagle, are in course of preparation by Artists eminent in their profession.

With great Respect,
Your obedient Servant,
J. R. Snowden
Director

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Feby 11/68

To the Hon Secretary of the Treasury

We, the undersigned having been appointed by the President of the United States, commissioners to the Annual Assay of the coins of the Mint and its branches, and the other duties connected therewith, and having finished our duties, we have taken the opportunity of our presence to make an examination of the processes, apparatus, machinery and fixtures. We cannot refrain on this occasion from expressing the satisfaction we have had in visiting the various apartments of the Mint, since the administration of its affairs have been under under the direction of Dr A. R. Linderman. We have found everything in its processes and appearance in the condition that this important branch of the Government service demands. We would further respectfully suggest that additional space for the offices and operations could be acquired by building on the spaces on each side of the Portico in the front and rear of the present edifice, without interfering with the architectural symetry or appearance of the main building; and this could be done at an expense quite moderate in comparison, with the advantages to be derived.

We

We submit the above matters with all due respect to the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury in answer to a letter directed to us as former Officers of the Mint and familiar by long practice with all the processes and requirements of this Institution. We would respectfully suggest to the Treasury department, through the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia the importance of further increasing the capacity of the Institution to meet the requirements of the Uniform Coinage suggested within the past year by the International Conference which will necessarily largely increase the work of the Mint. The adoption of the system of a Uniform Coinage will sooner or later result, and we advise early readiness to meet the necessity. The question of improvement in the Art of Die sinking has been and is, one of urgent importance — one that we believe is to be quickly solved by the employment of the new Lathe and its accompaniments, recently obtained from Europe. What we now need to develop is the talent for artistic design and elegance of finish in Medals, that the full merit of the cutting or sinking machinery may be appreciated. We have the honor to be, Sir,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servants
(signed) Franklin Peale
(signed) Jonas R. McClintock
(signed) John Newton Jr

Feby 13th 8

Sir

I Enclose order omitted in my letter of this date

Respy Your Obt Svt
A R Wherman
Director
per A Thacher
Dir CR

Cashier
Tompkins County Bank
Ithaca

Febr 13th 8

S. L. Smith Esq
First Auditor
Treasury Department

Sir:

The Treasurer of the Mint has in a communication transmitted herewith referred to me in your letter of the 31st ult., in relation to his accounts. It appears to have been the practice for several years past to place the proceeds of all Treasury Drafts received on account of Appropriations for the support of the Mint, in the Ordinary Fund, and to consider it applicable for the necessary expenses of the institution without regard to the amount specifically appropriated under any one head. Under this practice the expenses attending the transportation of bullion were paid out of the Ordinary Fund without drawing the amount appropriated for each year and the Wastage on Gold and Silver were for several years paid out of the same fund although no specific appropriation was made for that purpose. Meanwhile the Mint building, machinery, apparatus &c had become so much out of order as to require extensive repairs, and it was thought proper (authority having been obtained from the Secretary of

make the necessary repairs) to restore to the Ordinary account the funds applied to the payment of Wastages, transportation of Bullion &c, by placing therein the unexpended balances appropriated for that purpose. This was done by placing to the credit of the ordinary of the proceeds of Treasury Draft No 47.8.9. It has always been the custom to pay the expenses attending the coinage of cents &c out of the Cent coinage fund and accordingly such expenses as properly comes under that head when charged against that fund, and other expenditures pertaining to repairs and new machinery were charged to the Ordinary Fund. Until within two or three years past it was usual to have a specific appropriation for "Incidental Expenses, including Wastages, repairs" generally the words "new machinery" were also added. Lately however this appears to have been omitted. I hope it will be found practicable to adjust the accounts as now rendered & that the course heretofore pursued may be permitted to govern the accounts until the end of the next quarter, at which time the course indicated in your letter can be put in practice without embarrassment

Very Respectfully &c
N. P. Sanders
Director

July 6th 1868

Sir

I received on the 30th a letter from the Hon D. L. Smith 1st Auditor requesting that my Ordinary Account current from July 1st to Dec. 31 1867 be corrected so as to exclude the Credit of Transfer Drafts No. 7707 for $41.109 & also the charges against the same for "Transportation of Gold Bullion" "Purchase of Machinery" & Purchase of Specimens and Ores, which he states, fall under distinct appropriations

The custom has always been to charge expenditures for each of the above against the Ordinary Funds without regard to the particular channel of expense. The precedent was adhered to the close of the year 1867. To comply with the suggestion of the Auditor would involve much trouble and confusion in our accounts, which would have to be made anew "de novo"

The rolls of the last six months com-

which are in the hands of the Dept. will have to be changed & the Vouchers for the respective expenditures returned to this Office which according to an invariable rule of the Treasury Dept. is not permissible

Respectfully Yours
Signed Eckl. Kelbin Dues

D. H. R. Lauderman
Director U. S. Mint

Feby 1st

Feb. 14. 8.

John Jay Knox Esq,
Treasury Department
Washington. D.C.

sent Letter
to First Auditor Yesterday Please Confer
with him.

E. H. Rollinsmen
Director Mint.

Feby 14 8

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your address per Adams Express Co $1.000 5 Cent Coin, as requested in your of 13th inst, received this day covering transfer check No 2036 for $1.000

Very Respy
Yr Obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Feby 15 8

Sir:

I am in receipt of a communication from Jas Murphy, Logansport, Ind in which he states that the proceeds of a deposit sent to this Institution by the "Merchants Union Express Co" have not been received by him.

The above deposit was received at the Mint from the Agent of the M U Ex Co in this city Nov 25 1867, and the proceeds amounting to $940.52 paid to the same party Nov 30 to be shipped to Jas Murphy Logansport Ind.

Having been unable to obtain any definite information in this city I address you on the subject with the request that you may trace the package and inform me of the cause of delay.

Very Respy

H Richardson

Director

Exp Rob Ely
Prest M U Ex Co
New York

Feb 17th 8

Dear Sir

Your letter of 16th inst. enclosing copy of a Bill for establishing an Assay Office at Boise City in the Territory of Idaho has been received. I have made such modifications of the Bill as appeared to be required, and return it herewith. It contains all the provisions necessary for establishing an office for the receipt, melting, assaying and returning to the depositor bullion in the form of unpassed bars with the fineness and weight of Gold and Silver stamped thereon. For conducting these operations, but one officer is provided for, viz an Assayer, who with an assistant-clerk & a few workmen will be sufficient for the proper and Economical dispatch of the business of the office.

For the erection of a suitable edifice and putting up the necessary apparatus & fixtures and also for defraying the expenses of the Institution for the next fiscal year the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars will in my opinion be abundant. An Assay office in the Territory of Idaho to which the people can take their bullion and have it converted into commercial bars bearing the United States stamp of

fineness

An Act to provide, and establish an Assay Office in the Territory of Idaho

fineness and weight, will certainly be a decided advantage to them; and as it is proposed to meet the requirements of the bullion interests of the Territory of Idaho by establishing and conducting such an office at a very moderate expense, the measure should receive the favorable consideration of Congress

Very Respectfully
J. H. Slaughenhaupt
Director

Hon E. D. Holbrook
Delegate from Idaho Territory
Washington
D.C.

An Act to locate and establish an Assay Office in the Territory of Idaho

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.

1. That an Assay office be located and established at Boise City in the Territory of Idaho, for the assaying of gold and silver.

2. For the carrying on of the business of said office, there shall be appointed upon the nomination of the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an Assayer, whose salary shall be Three Thousand Dollars per Annum and the Assayer shall employ one Assistant and one clerk at a compensation of ~~[illegible]~~ Two Thousand Dollars per annum each and as many workmen under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury as may be required

3. The Assayer and Clerk to be appointed

under this Act before entering upon the performance of their duties shall take an oath or affirmation before some Judge of the United States, or the Supreme Court of said Territory faithfully and diligently to perform the duties of their offices and each become bound to the United States of America with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the Director of the Mint or of one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of Idaho Territory, and of the Secretary of the Treasury with the condition of the faithful performance of the duties of their offices

4. The general direction of the business of said Assay Office of the United States shall be under the control and regulation of the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, subject to the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the said Director to prescribe such regulations and to require such returns periodically and occasionally and to establish such charges for melting, assaying and casting bullion into unparted bars as shall appear to him

to be necessary for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this Act in establishing said Assay Office.

5. That the Superintendent of said Assay Office be authorized under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and on terms to be prescribed by him, to issue in payment of the gold dust and bullion deposited for assay and coinage or bars, drafts or certificates of deposit payable at the Treasury or any Sub-Treasury of the United States to any depositor electing to receive payment in that form.

This Section has been stricken out by the Committee W.R.S.

6. That the sum of $75.000 (seventy five thousand dollars) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended in the construction of said Assay Office under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and for defraying the expenses of conducting said Office for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1869, and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed on the passage of the

Act to order the immediate construction of said Assay Office

7. All the laws and parts of laws now in force for the regulation of the United States Assay office at New York and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with said Assay Office or with the Mint of the United States, shall be and they are hereby declared to be in full force in relation to the Assay office by this Act located and established as far as the same may be applicable thereto.

Feb. 17. 8.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

I received this morning a letter from Hon. E. D. Holbrook, Delegate from Idaho, enclosing a copy of a Bill offered by him for establishing an Assay Office at Boise City, requesting an early report thereon. I had made such modifications in the Bill as appeared to be required, and now transmit it to Mr. Holbrook through the Department. I do this because it is proper for all such matters to take this direction & that you may have an opportunity to examine the Bill & my letter on the subject. Mr. Holbrook has been advised accordingly.

Very Respectfully
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Feby 11th 1869

Sir:

After a thorough examination I have to state, in reply to your of 4th inst, that no deeds or other title papers to the Mint property at Carson City Nevada, and Denver Colorado, are on file in this office

Hon Hugh McCulloch Secy of Treasy Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt
H. R. Linderman
Director

Feb. 19. 88.

John Jay Knox Esq,

My dear Sir,

In order that we may keep an eye on the various Resolutions, Bills &c before Congress in relation to the Nat'l Branches & the Coinage, we should have a copy of the Congressional Globe sent us during the session of Congress. Will you, if not inconvenient, please have a copy sent to my official address with Bill. — I find on referring to our Sect'l Book that the Globe was formerly taken by the Director of the Mint for the debates, Bills &c presented in that way are now found very useful and the only available data we have.

Very Yours
W. P. Souderman

Feb. 19. 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

The deductions from depositors of bullion for refining and parting are by law applicable for the support of the Mint. These charges were fixed on a specie basis, while the materials & labor employed in the above operations are paid for in lb. S. currency, and at much higher rates than were formerly paid. It would, therefore, be proper to sell the gold coin arising from the deductions for parting & refining, and place the proceeds in the Ordinary Fund. Authority to do this was given some time since, by the Department, to the Assay Office, at New York & I respectfully request that it be extended to the Treasurer of the Mint at Philad.a and the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully
A. Roudebush
Director.

Feb. 19. 8

Dr M. F. Bonzano,

Dear Sir

I duly received your letter of the 21st. ult. and have delayed a reply in the hope of being able to report definitely the result of the action of Congress in relation to Omaha at your Branch. As soon as this is determined I will reply fully to your letter. I will endeavor to secure the necessary appropriation for the object in view.

Yours Truly
W. Rodenbaugh
Director.

Feb. 19. 8

Isaac M. Jones Esq
Assayer U.S. Branch,
Charlotte N.C.

Dear Sir,

I have to request that you will at the end of each month prepare and transmit to me a report in detail of your operations.

Very Respectfully
W. L. Lindsaman
Director

Feb. 19. 8

Hon. Wm. D. Kelley,
Chairman Committee on Coinage.

Dear Sir,

I expect to be able to reply fully to your letter of 14th. inst. to morrow but the planchets or pieces required will not be ready for examination before Thursday. It requires some little time to prepare them.

I regret to learn that the Committee on Appropriations have struck out the estimate for the coinage of four cent pieces at New Orleans. The letter of the valuable lot on which the Branch Mint Edifice is erected reverts to the City by the terms of the original conveyance, whenever the building is ceased to be used for coinage purposes.

Respectfully &c. &c. &c.

Feby 18 8

Sir:

Since our interview in Washington a few days since I have endeavored to ascertain the condition of the machinery at the Branch Mint Charlotte & Dahlonega with a view to its transfer to the Branch Mint Edifice recently erected at Carson City Nevada.

The machinery at Dahlonega was constructed many years ago, and is not suitable for Mint Operations. It is moreover out of order and would require repairs equal in expense almost to procuring new machinery. That at Charlotte is more modern and in better condition but is light and would require considerable repairs.

We could fit up for you one coining Press, one Draw bench, and a cutting Press.

I do not think it would be prudent to undertake to put your Branch Mint in operation on an appropriation of less

than Seventy five Thousand Dollars. This would in my opinion be sufficient to cover the expence of machinery apparatus fixtures &c for a coinage of Thirty Millions per Annum.

The material for the manufacture of Sulphuric Acid, exist, I am informed, in abundance in Nevada and it is probable that arrangement for making it by private enterprise would be made as soon as it is known that the article will be required for refining at the Branch Mint.

It is of the utmost importance that the Government should extend all practicable aid & protection to the bullion interest of the country, and afford every facility for enabling the Producers of Gold & Silver to have the value thereof determined by U S Assay and the bullion put in marketable shape.

I would most respectfully suggest whether it would not be better under all the circumstances to start the institution as an Assay Office & provide for Coinage in the future. It would not require much of an outlay for fixtures &c and could be put in operation in a few months. An assay Office would cer-

tainly be of great advantage to the producers of bullion in your section of the Union.

Hon J. W. Nye
U. S. Senator
Washington
D.C.

Very Resp.
Your obt Svt
W. B. Lindeman
Director

Feby 19 8

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your Branch per Adams Express Co One Box containing the following items viz

One Weigh Book
Two Books receipt
2000 Assayers Report
1 Ream Calculation Sheet
5000 Deposit Mems
1000 Register Mint Receipt
One Signature Book
2000 Revenue Slips
One Record Tax Book
One Ledger
One Journal
One Cash Book
One Ream Paper ruled
One Assayers Register.

Very Respy
N R Linderman
Director
per A Rachenbach
Ass Dir

J M Jones Esq
Assayer U S Br Mint
Charlotte N.C.

Feby 20th 8

Sir

In compliance with your request I herewith forward the draft of a Bill and also three dies of Planchets of Nickel & copper: One of one grain one of ten grain and a half, and one of ten grains to represent the cent and dime. I would greatly prefer that this Bill should go before the Country upon its own merits. Indeed I hardly know how to "offer any suggestion" which are likely to be acceptable. It appears to me considering we have so large an amount and so many different varieties of the cental coins in circulation that the proposition for additional issues will be received with disfavor by the public. The minor coins are in most places excepting the South already redundant particularly cents and two cents, and the demand for them is daily decreasing.

We are trying to reduce both the quantity and variety by calling in the nickel copper cents and therefore do not look with favor on the proposition to make a new nickel cent, but think the issue of the two cent bronze pieces should be discontinued.

In regard to the Dime I had carnestly hoped to keep that open for Silver; and such is a part of the Bill now before the Finance committee of the Senate. Few persons would be willing to carry a dime as heavy as an old copper cent. The paper note would be preferred.

I consider the present bronze cent unobjectionable both as to size and material and with the three and five cent nickel copper coin is all that is required to supply the community with changes. If however, the Bill becomes a law I shall use all my endeavors to give success to its operation, as in duty bound.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
"Signed" H. R. Linderman
Director

Hon Wm D. Kelley
Ch. Com Coinage &c H.R.
Washington
D.C.

A Bill

for the coinage of nickel-copper pieces of ten cents & under.

1. Be it enacted &c That from and after the day of next, there shall be coined at the Mint of the United States [and its Branches], the following pieces, to be composed of one-fourth nickel, and three fourths copper, or as near to that proportion as may be viz: a piece of [ten cents] one cent to weigh ~~two~~ one and one half grams or $23\frac{15}{100}$ grains [grams, or 154⅓ grains; and pieces of five cents, three cents; [two cents] and one cent to be of proportional weight.

And the present coinage of pieces of ten cents and under, of whatever metal or composition and the issue of Treasury notes of ten-cents shall thereupon cease.

2. That in adjusting the weight of the coins provided by this Act, there shall be no greater deviation allowed than three grains for the cent piece, and four grains for the other pieces And in manufacturing the coins and accounting for the same and for materials used, the same duties and responsibilities shall devolve upon the respective officers of the Mint as are required by Law.

3. That the same legal penalties as are provided by Act of May 16th 1866, in relation to the coinage of five cent pieces, shall be in force for counterfeiting any of the coins provided for by this Act, or knowingly issuing or passing such counterfeit coins.

4. That any of the coins provided for by this Act, shall be a legal tender to the amount of one dollar in any one payment and no more.

5. That the Treasurer of the Mint or Branch Mint shall keep and render an

account

account of the profits arising from the coinage provided for by this Act, that is to say, the difference between the cost of the metal, the necessary labor and machinery, with the expenses of distribution of the coins on the one hand; and the amount received for such coins on the other; and these profits shall be held as a fund for the redemption of the coins of bronze or nickel-copper, when presented in sums not less than one hundred dollars, under regulations, made by the Director of the Mint with the approbation of the Secretary

6. That the coins provided for by this Act, shall be procured and distributed in like manner as is now provided by law in regard to pieces of bronze or nickel-copper.

Feby 21st 8

Sir

Yours of the 29 ult is received; I have this day sent you by mail copy of Directors report for 1867. I cannot inform you where you can obtain reports which will give you the information you desire

Very Respectfully

H R Linderman
Director
per A Thacher
Asst Clk

Henry Applegate Jr
San Francisco
Cal.

Feb'y 21. 8

Sir

Specimens recd. in yours of 17th inst is of no value "Iron Pyrites" very common and of no value.

Respectfully Yours
A. R. Linderman
Director
per A. Racher Jr.
Dis. Clk

C. A. Wolf
Wolfsville
Maryland

Feb. 25, 8.

Dear Sir.

Your favor of 23d inst came to hand this morning.

I must claim your indulgence for a day or two to reply to the inquiries contained in your letter.

The question of "farming out" the refining & parting of the precious metals at San Francisco, is a very important one. The information necessary to enable the Committee to form a correct opinion of the merits of the proposed plan will be forwarded as soon as it can be prepared.

With Great Respect,
Your Obedient Servant
J. Rosenbaum
Director.

Hon W. D. Kelley
Chairman Committee
on Coinage H.R.
Washington

Feby 25th 8

Sir

In reply to yours of 19th inst I would state that in case of the loss of a deposite Certificate the Rules of the Mint require the depositor to file an indemnifying bond for double the Amt of deposite

Respectfully Yours
H K Linderman
Cashr
per A Kacher
Dro Clk

Mess Wilson & Shober
Bankers
Greensborough
N.C.

Feb. 25, 8.

Robt. B. Swain Esq.,
Supt. Br. Mint,
San Francisco.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of the 24th inst and thank you for your prompt & full reply. The information requested was required to enable me to report on a recent Resolution of Congress in relation to the defalcation at your Branch (Harmsley, Macy & Parsons calculation Clerk) and condition & management of the institution. My report goes forward to day. It is proper for me to inform you that I have stated my belief that your institution is conducted with skill & fidelity & commands the public confidence.

Respectfully Your
W. Wollenberman
Director

Feby 25 8

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 21st inst, I have the Honor to submit the following report in reply to the inquiries contained in the Resolution of the House of Representatives in relation to the Branch Mint San Francisco:

1. In the case of the deficit in the account of A Haraszthy, which occurred in 1856, the claim of the United States, after due investigation, passed into the hands of the Solicitor of the Treasury, and the correspondence on file in this Office presents no subsequent information in relation to the same.

2. The deficiency in the Treasurers account, caused by the abstraction of the sum of Nine thousand three hundred and Fifty five 30/100 Dollars in U S Treasury Notes and Twenty thousand

Dollars in Gold Coin by William Macey, Pay Clerk of the Treasurer, was discovered by the Superintendent in making the usual monthly count and examination at the close of the month of December 1865. The facts relating to the case are fully stated in the communication of the Superintendent to the then Director of the Mint, Hon James Pollock, dated January 8th 1866, a copy of which, marked A, is transmitted herewith. A copy of the Directors letter calling the attention of the Department to the defalcation dated February 2d 1866 is also transmitted.

(B) Soon after assuming the duties of this office, I received from the Superintendent a report of the result of his examination and count of moneys on hand at the close of the month of March 1866, in which the deficit of $2,000 gold coin was noted. In transmitting this report to the Department he stated that the defalcation of the Treasurers Pay Clerk had occurred

since

more than a year previous, and had no doubt been thoroughly investigated by the proper Authority, and that the loss would no doubt be made good by the Treasurer and his Sureties, and that therefore, I would take no further action on the subject unless specially instructed to do so by the Department. I have no information as to whether or not the amount of the defalcation has since been restored to the Treasury, but am under the impression that the deficit in the Treasury accounts still exists.

With respect to the present condition and management of the Branch Mint, I have reason to believe that the business is conducted with skill and fidelity, and that the Institution enjoys the confidence of the public.

Soon after I was informed of the alteration of the Assayers report, by a Clerk in the Treasurers Office, I forwarded a copy of the pamphlet sent herewith marked B containing the seven

instructions, and regulations for the transaction of business at the Mint and Branches, and requested the Superintendent to inform me whether the same were observed at San Francisco. In his reply dated Feby 6/60 that officer says. "In answer to your inquiry whether the regulations in the printed copy which you enclose are in full force in this Branch, I will say, that they are strictly adhered to in every particular"

The only official information which I have of any controversy between the Superintendent and Treasurer was derived from the correspondence between them in relation to the appointment of the deposit Melters, submitted to me by the Department in May last. My report thereon, a copy of which is transmitted marked D explains the point then in dispute, and my views in relation to the same. No subsequent information of any disagreement between the Superintendent and Treasurer has been received

at this office.

The following telegram from the Superintendent, dated San Francisco, 24th inst, and received by me to day, gives all necessary information in relation to the loss resulting from the alterations of the Assayers reports.

"H R Linderman
Director Mint. Phila

Annual settlement entirely satisfactory. The wastage in Coiners Department was one hundred and eighteen ounces gold and seventy six ounces silver. The excess in Melter and Refiners Department was seven ounces gold and two thousand and forty seven ounces silver. Making actual wastage in both department one hundred and eleven ounces gold, and nineteen hundred and seventy one ounces silver for the year. The loss resulting from the alteration of Assayers reports, by Treasurer Clerk, is about thirteen thousand dollars. I have asked for instruction. Loss occurs of the

Treasury how to dispose of the case, and am awaiting his answer.

(Signed) Robt B Swain
Supt.

It is proper to add that the result of the Annual Settlement, as stated in the dispatch of the Superintendent, is very satisfactory - the Wastage being very much within the limits allowed by law.

Very Respectfully
A Robertson
Director.

(Copy)

A

Superintendent's Office
U. S. Branch Mint
San Francisco Cal
January 8th 1866

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Sir

I have the honor to enclose to you herewith the report of my Monthly Count & Examination of the Monies and Books of the Treasurer of this Branch at the close of the month of December and to call your attention to the painful fact that on that day a deficiency was revealed amounting to the sum of $9.355 30/100 which has been abstracted by the Cashier of the Treasurer, Tom Macy, who has disappeared and cannot be found.

This young man, now 22 years of age was appointed some 4 years since to that position by the Treasurer, who is his brother in Law. It appears that until the

year 1861 the Cashier was appointed by the Superintendent. At that time by special instructions from the Secretary of the Treasury the Treasurer was authorized to make all appointments of Clerks in his department with the exception of the Clerk of the Superintendent, who makes computations and draws the warrant. I found Macy occupying the Cashiers desk when I assumed the duties of my office in 1862.

On the last day of November when I made my usual monthly count, my suspicions were somewhat awakened as to irregularity in that department. I had heard indirectly that Macy had been engaged in speculations, and on the day in question noticed unusual delays and nervousness on the part of that Officer. I therefore took unusual precautions in my examination, by requesting Mr Harte my Secretary, to be present, and by instituting as close an investigation as the law would authorize. I then discovered no discrepancy, but I now believe that this

deficiency existed on that day, and that Macy borrowed the money to make his accounts good and afterwards abstracted and returned it to the parties of whom it was obtained. For on a closer examination made a few days afterwards, by the clerks of the Treasurer, the deficit was ascertained, which I at once reported to the Secretary of the Treasury. This, it was hoped was the extent of the defalcation. A thorough comparison was immediately made with the books and accounts of the other Officers of this Branch and on the 3d inst a further discrepancy of $20.000 Gold was discovered between the account of the Coiner and Treasurer. It seems that on the 5th day of December the Coiner made a delivery of $100.000 and on the 9th another delivery of $120.000. On the last mentioned day Macy requested the Coiner to furnish him a duplicate tag of the delivery of the 5th alleging that the original had been lost. This tag was substituted for that of the 9th the

date being evidently erased, and the figure 9 inserted.

The examination is now completed, and the aggregate of these two amounts is the extent of the defalcation. I am pleased that it has not extended further, but it occasions me unmingled regret to make this report.

The Bondsmen of the Treasurer are abundantly responsible, and I have no reason to doubt that the deficit will at once be made good to the Government.

I am Sir
Yours very respectfully
(Signed) Robt B Cowin
Superintendent

(Copy)

B

U S Mint
Feby 2d 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of U S Treasury
Sir:

Enclosed please find monthly count and examination of Supt Br Mint San Francisco Cal, for the month ending December 30th 1865. I regret exceedingly to hear of the reported defalcation and am glad that it was discovered in time to prevent greater loss

Very Respectfully
Yours
(Signed) Jas Pollock
Director

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct 29th 1868

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir; I have carefully examined the correspondence enclosed to me in your letter of the 28th ult on the subject of the suspension of the deposit melters at the San Francisco Branch Mint by a representative of the Treasurer of that Institution and respectfully submit my views in relation to the same.

1. In regard to the principles involved in the subject. The deposits being committed to the care of the Treasurer by law, he is evidently designed to be the guardian of the depositors interests, until their value becomes known by melting and by assay. They are then and should not be until then, under control by the Melter and Refiner first, because it is the law and, second, because if he found by an approximate trial, that his accounts were running rather short, he might be disposed to gather up the grains in the deposit room more liberally for his own account, than for the depositor.

2. In regard to the Treasurers responsibility for deposits, they are of a moral, not a monetary character, because the deposits, although in his hands, are not charged against him, until delivered to the Melter and Refiner when each officer simultaneously is charged with

the value after melting, so that the Treasurers money responsibility is transferred wholly and entirely to the Melter & Refiner, about as soon as it becomes responsibility for value.

3d The weigh clerk who is appointed by the Treasurer with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, has access at all times to the Deposit Melting room, and it is his duty under existing regulations to see that the usual and proper limits of loss on melting deposits are not exceeded. It is proper and necessary that this duty should be attended to by the weigher because he is the only one who has a full opportunity of examining each deposit and of noting the character of the same prior to the transfer thereof to the Deposit Melting Room. From all that appears in the correspondence Mr Cheesman has really no ground of complaint. The Superintendent and Treasurer each quote such parts of the late Directors letter of July 27. 1866, as reflect most their own views and it is most probable that personal want of accord from causes unknown is the root of the whole disagreement. The courtesy of gentlemen, between the officers and their harmonious action are essential for carrying on the Mint and Branches successfully.

The Superintendent, if rightly disposed, would not force upon the Treasurers Melting Room, an obnoxious or incompetent person — where the Treasurers responsibility

or the Superintendent's proposed appointment runs counter to the best judgment of the other, it is very desirable to seek for a new nomination if one is needed. It certainly was not intended, that the legal power of the Chief officer should be used despotically and without any deference to the wishes of the secondary officer who has to bear the responsibility. But it does not at all appear that Mr Swain has taken such a course. The law vests the appointment of the deposit melter in the Superintendent, but the Treasurer and his weigh clerk, very properly have access at all times to the room in which the deposits are first melted, and can give such supervision as is necessary to protect depositors on the one side and the Government on the other. No alteration of existing regulations or additional supervision in the deposit melting room is, in my judgment desirable or necessary.

The correspondence relating to the subject are returned herewith

Very Respectfully
Your obt svt
signed H. R. Linderman

Copy

Feby 22 8

Robt B Swan Esq
Supt Pro Mint
San Francisco Cal

Has annual settlement been made and if so is result satisfactory
Answer.

(Signed) A L Lindemann
Director

(Copy)

Feby 22 8

Robt B Swain Esq
Supt Br Mint
San Francisco Cal.

State approximate loss resulting from alteration of Assayers Report and disposition made of case.
Answer by telegraph

(Signed) A R Linderman
Director

Feby 26th 8

Sir

My attention has been called to a Proviso contained in Bill No 685 H. R. page 41 which is as follows: "that hereafter all the "available profits" of the United States Mint and branches shall be covered into the treasury, to be expended only by a specific appropriation."

The "seignorage" (or profit of the Mint) consists of the 1/2 per cent coinage charge on gold coins and the silver dollar, and also, the difference between the rate paid for silver bullion (122 1/2 cents per standard oz) and the rate at which it is issued in coins of less denomination than one dollar, (125 cents per oz) and is paid annually into the Treasury of the United States. The "deductions from depositors" being the charges imposed on deposits for "refining", "parting" & "toughening", and required by law to equal but not exceed the actual expenses for labor and materials employed in those operations, are available for such expenses. Formerly, the deductions were transferred direct to the ordinary account of the Mint or Branch Mint & were paid out by the Treasurer on the [illegible] Mint [illegible] in 1839, I think.

a regulation was established requiring the deductions to be paid at the end of each month, into the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the appropriation for Incidental expenses of the Mint or Branch Mint, being subsequently drawn out on the usual requisitions. This regulation secures to the accounting officers of the Treasury a proper supervision over all receipts and disbursements of the Mint and Branches, & no additional legislation appears to be required. Moreover, the section, if it becomes a law, will lead to serious embarrassments at the principal Mint. Under existing laws, the materials, copper, nickel, tin, zinc, acids &c used in the manufacture of the one & two cent bronze, and the 3 & 5 cent Nickel-copper pieces are purchased from time to time by the Treasurer of the Mint, from the cent coinage fund. The net profits of this account are paid into the Treasury of the U. S. The proviso referred to would require a specific appropriation for the purchase of materials for the cent coinage & it would be impracticable to estimate for the same, as it would depend entirely on the public demand for the small coin. I deem it proper to call your attention to the above facts & have to request that you will submit them to the proper committee before the Bill is disposed of.

Very Respectfully &c

Hon. Geo. W. Bolt Cyler,
Secretary of the Treasury.

W. Roemer
Director

Private

Feb. 26. 8.

Eugene Kelly Esq
New York.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 24th inst. The original section of the Bill (to which your letter) as drawn by me simply authorized the exchange by the Branch Mints of unparted for refined bullion & repealed the acts of Congress requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to exclude refining from the Mint & Branches. The Bill embraced other sections in relation to other subjects and was transmitted with an explanatory letter & which is, no doubt, the letter to which you refer. This was in November. Some time thereafter, when in Washington, Mr Houston exhibited to me a section differing from the one I had previously prepared but still containing that clause repealing the laws requiring refining to be excluded from the Mint, which he informed me was

satisfactory to you & others. I suppose it that if it was satisfactory to all parties I would interpose no objection provided it was not proposed to take away the Refinery from the Pr. Mint S. F. I suppose the section drawn by the Senator has been made to take the place of the section originally drawn by me & is thus covered by my letter of 8 month 23d.

I have been unable to obtain a copy of the printed papers referred to & will you to send me them if you have or receive them, as I shall prepare an explanation for the Committee or go to Washington to confer with the Committee upon the subject of this bill.

Respectfully
Your Obt
R. W. Schadewald
Director

Feby 28 1

Feb. 27. 8

Geo. H. Dunning
Supt. Assay Office
Phila

Please
state by letter the salary
of each clerk employed
in the Assay office.

H Bohlendorf
Director.

Feby 28 A

Sir:

I have this day shipped to your address, per Adams Express Co, Twenty three hundred dollars small Coin as ordered in yours of 27th inst.

Hon F. E. Spinner
Treasr U. S.
Washington
D. C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
H. R. Lindeman
Director
per A. Hacker
Dirs Clk

Feby 28th

Sir:

The usual monthly count, and examination made at the close of business hours (27th inst) exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint.

Gold	$434.450.74
Silver	35.847.68
Ordinary a/c	65.350.14
Copper "	420.354.55
Branch Mint San Francisco	842.02
" " Denver	712.05
" " Charlotte	589.14
	$958.146.27

Corresponding with the balances as stated on that Officers books of account.

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington D.C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
A. Linderman
Director

Feb. 28th 8.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

I have this day caused Two Hundred Thousand dollars, to be paid into the Treasury of the U. States, on account of Contraband Profits. The Profits from this source transferred to the U. S. Treasury since 1st April last amount to One Million One hundred Thousand Dollars ($1.100.000)

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant,
H. Reinderman
Director

Feby 28th 8

Sir:

At the close of business hours yesterday (27th inst) I made examination of the books, accounts, and monies, on hand in the office of the Asst Treasurer U S at Philadelphia and found a balance of $5.617.555.17 which corresponds with his statement of account for that day.

In the above the following was counted as Cash.

Certificate of Temporary Loan $1.438.00

Hon Hugh McCulloch
Secy of Treasy
Washington
D. C.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
J R Lindeman
Director

Feby 28 8

Sir:

I have this day shipped per Adams Express Co to your Branch the following Articles.

4 Steel Stamps
1 Set " Figures
1 Steel Box for types
1 Set of Steel types
1 1/2 Doz Annealing Crucibles
4 Moulds
2 Retort
1 Condenser
2 Connecting Tubes

Very Resp
A R Linderman
Agent

W Jones Esq
Assayer U S Br Mint
Charlotte
N C

per A Hacker
Dis Clk

Feb. 29. 8.

Jacob R Eckfeldt Esq, Assayer

Dear Sir

Observing from a a schedule just received from the Assay Office at New York, that the young men in the Assayers room are at much higher wages than yours, I consider it but just that some advance should be made, although I do not propose to make it equal to their rate. You will therefore add 50 cents a day to each of your two workers, commencing with the first day of March.

Very Respectfully
W R Lindesman
Director

Feby 29th 8

Dear Sir

Referring to the request contained in your letter of the 23rd inst in reference to the section of the Bill (pending in your committee) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to contract for the refining of bullion at San Francisco, I have to report as follows.

By refining in the language of the law, is meant the melting of bullion and the separation, by nitric acid &c — in that operation for the purpose of parting out base metals. The term 'Parting' in the same law refers to separating Gold & Silver, by the use of either Nitric or Sulphuric acid. The refining is generally accomplished with, first, as a preliminary to the Assay & report of fineness. Afterwards the silver is separated from the Gold on a large scale preparatory to adding copper for alloy. It should here be remarked that as native gold contains a percentage of silver which cannot be easily separated, it is usually required to be parted or separated prior to coining.

The parting or separating of the precious metals is only an incidental part of the preparation of bullion for the mint, and may either be done by the United States or private enterprise. The charges imposed for coinage

fining & parting are intended to cover the actual expense of the materials & labor employed in those operations, the law requiring that the charges shall equal but not exceed the cost thereof. The subject does not, therefore, affect the profits of the Mint one way or the other.

Finding this question under consideration, on assuming the duties of this office in April last, I addressed a letter, to the American Ministers, at the Courts of St Petersburg, Vienna & Berlin, as to the practice of the National Mints of Russia, Austria, & Prussia in relation to refining. Answers were received in due time from which we learn that the refining & parting of the precious metals is carried on at the Mints of Russia & Austria, but no parting is done at the Mint of Prussia. It should be added that the Mints of Paris and London have no refineries in the sense of parting.

In our own country, parting facilities became necessary at an early period in the history of the Mint, owing to the want of both skill & capital on the part of individuals, & the need of these facilities was much increased after the discovery of gold in California. Within a few years past the attention of capitalists particularly on the Pacific Coast, has been turned to the parting of bullion, & it is believed that the time is not distant when the greater portion of our bullion product will be prepared for coinage by private refiners. It appears to be proper for the Government to encourage private establishments for parting, &

one would be likely to oppose the granting of authority to the Mint & Branches to exchange imparted bullion for fine bars, provided the parting facilities of the Mint are kept in readiness to be resorted to in case of necessity & provided also that the government assay & accounting for the bullion is preserved to the public. If the authority referred to was granted the owners of the bullion would, as now, make their deposits at the Mint & Branches. The bullion thus received and assayed would be exchanged with the owners of refined bullion on terms prescribed by the proper authority. A section giving this authority would cover the whole ground & throw parting open to public competition. My opinion is that authority to exchange imparted bullion for fine bars should be granted to the Mint and Branches, but the law should be so framed as not to tie the hands of the government, and tend to give private refineries a monopoly. This precaution, if observed in the proposed law will secure the rights of the owners of bullion.

To sum up the matter, I must remark that I much prefer the original section No VI as I believe it contains all that the San Francisco refiners can properly ask for, and makes no mention of a contract.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
A. R. Linderman
Director

Hon Wm D. Kelley
Chm Com Finance

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Hon Wm D Kelley
Chairman of Committee on Coinage &c
Dear Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 23 inst, I submit the following statement in reference to Salaries paid to the Clerks of the Mint at Philadelphia, and the Assay Office N Y respectively:

	Mint of the U. S.		Assay Office N Y.
Accountant	$1.500	per Annum	$2.500 per Annum
Weigh Clerk	1.500	do	2.500 do
Bullion Clerk	1.500	do	1.800 do
Bar Clerk or Registry	1.500	do	1.800 do

The duties and responsibilities of the Clerks of the Mint are certainly not less than those of the New York Assay Office, and it is proper to add that the compensation allowed the latter is by no means excessive, and is not equal to compensation given to Clerks in private institutions.

I respectfully suggest and urgently

urgently recommend that Section V of the Mint Bill be enacted into a law, or that a section be substituted fixing the salary of the

Director's principal Clerk at	$2.250
Treasurer's Chief Clerk	2.250
Weigh Clerk	2.250
Accountant	2.250
Calculation Clerk	2.250
and Register of Warrants	1.700

all to date from July 1st last.

The above positions are filled by men of capacity, character and experience, and it would be unjust not to place them on a living salary and at rates corresponding with those received for similar duties and responsibilities elsewhere

I have the honor to be Sir
Very respectfully Your
J. R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint